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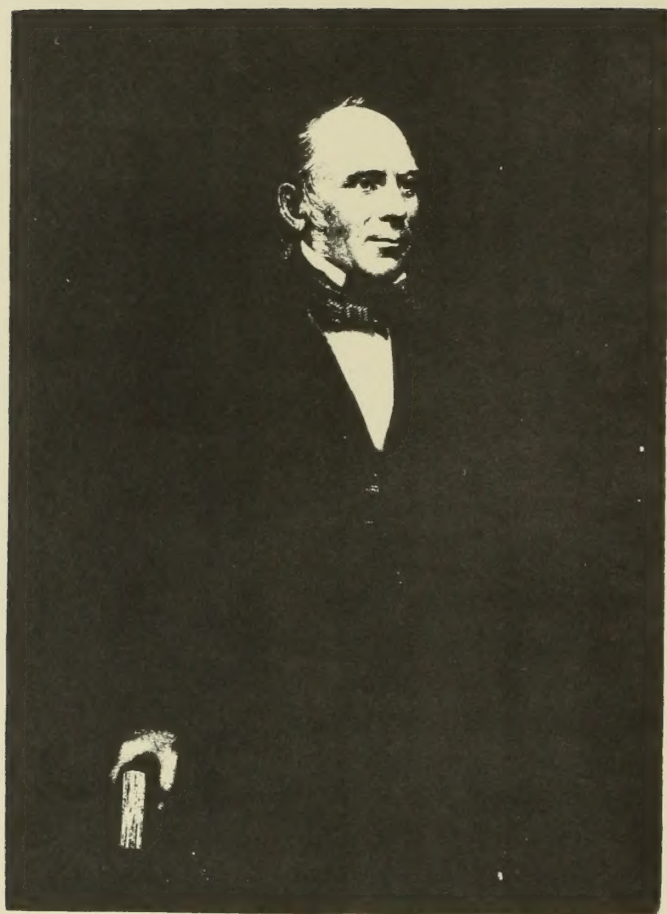












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HISTORY  
OF THE  
TOWN OF BERNARDSTON

FRANKLIN COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS.

1736-1900.

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WITH GENEALOGIES.

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## **Dedication.**

AS A SLIGHT TRIBUTE TO THOSE EVER CHERISHED FRIENDS AMONG  
WHOM THE EARLIER YEARS OF LIFE WERE SPENT, AS  
AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE EXCELLENT  
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS RECEIVED  
IN THESE SCHOOLS,

## **In Loving Commemoration**

OF THOSE IMMEDIATE FAMILY FRIENDS WHO CHOSE THIS TOWN AS  
THE SCENE OF THEIR EARTHLY STRUGGLES AND TRIUMPHS, AND  
AS THEIR FINAL RESTING-PLACE, AND TO THOSE REMAINING,  
WHO, IN THE COURSE OF A COMPARATIVELY FEW YEARS,  
WILL BE TENDERLY AND REVERENTLY LAID BESIDE  
THOSE GONE BEFORE, THESE ANNALS ARE  
MOST AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED.



## PREFACE.

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The history of this town is, by far, of much greater value and interest than a casual observer of to-day would be led to believe possible. It is, therefore, with a feeling of deepest satisfaction that the completion of this work is viewed,—all the more intense because undertaken purely from motives of veneration and cherished remembrances of childhood associations.

As is well known to many residents of the place, this is the third attempt made to embody in permanent form the history of our ancestors, their struggles to reclaim the land and establish for themselves a home on the frontier. The late Lieut. Governor Henry W. Cushman began making notes of conversations held with older inhabitants as early as 1835. A native of the place, and thoroughly interested in local historical research, he sedulously collected, so far as he was able, each and every item of information which, by any possible chance, he might need in the preparation of the history he some day expected to publish. His death prevented the fulfillment of his hopes. His papers were all bequeathed to the New England Genealogical and Historical Society of Boston (of which he was a member), and for twenty years, to those locally interested, it seemed as if the fruits of his labors were lost.

In April, 1884, the town appointed a committee to procure the papers, finish up the work as might be necessary, and publish the same. It had been said, and was supposed to be the case, that, had Mr. Cushman lived, a month's labor was all that would have been required to complete the manuscript for publication. With the aid of an amanuensis, this might have been pretty nearly correct, for, to one who had been studying the subject and collecting material for so long a time, the general plan of procedure and scope of the work must have been practically arranged, mentally at least, and the need of a certain date or fact had but to become apparent



when it could be almost instantly produced. As it was, the committee, Rev. Stillman Barber, Dr. O. A. Wheeler and Mr. Frederic Chapin, procured from the New England Society rooms in Boston, about 1700 papers, varying in size from a piece three or four inches square to a sheet of foolscap, and containing not only items relative to town matters, but also personal and business letters, invitations, notices and even telegrams; altogether a most heterogeneous collection, and one which, without a thorough perusal, might well seem of no practicable application to the subject. The committee were disheartened by the presentation of so many and unexpected obstacles, and the matter was then given no further consideration.

Under the stimulus of an ever-growing desire to learn of the days of old, to prove or disprove the many traditions, and having these desires fostered by the willing relation of many facts and incidents drawn from the retentive memories of family friends, the wish grew that others, too, might be better informed. Such was the inception of this volume. As the work progressed, the fact of how much was irrevocably gone by the passing of the former generation, was borne home with overwhelming force and augmented the resolve already made, that all which was at present garnered in Memory's storehouse should be culled, that the harvest might be golden.

During the winter of 1889-90 these same papers of Lieut. Gov. Cushman were procured from the late Mr. P. L. Cushman, who had accidently found, and, recognizing the hand-writing of his cousin, Lieut. Gov. Cushman, taken them to his own home for safety. A discriminating research was made, and all in any way relative to the work proposed, laid one side; the rest were returned to the Society in Boston.

At the annual March meeting, 1900, the town passed a vote making an appropriation to assist in the publication of this work, appointing Rev. D. H. Strong, Messrs. O. W. Gray and R. L. Crowell as a committee to have the matter in charge.

In the winter of 1900 there was received from Rev. C. C. Carpenter of Andover, a few pages of manuscript "History of Bernardston," written probably about 1814 by Major Stephen Webster.

This quaint compilation of facts had been found among the papers of the late Dr. Carpenter, and further reference is made to it on pages 245, 6, 7.

Careful perusal and consideration of the best methods of procedure followed. It soon became evident that everything in hand was of a decidedly fragmentary nature, and that the only systematized work left, was that embodied in the lectures delivered before lyceums, several of which had been published in the County papers as they appeared. Taking these as a basis, verifying and adding to the notes left, by careful research and close examination of the original records of both town and churches, as well as by an extensive correspondence, the result is herewith presented. And it is hoped that it will be received on its merits as an attempted faithful narration of what has been endured by those sturdy yeomen who gave the best efforts of their lives, of their free, untrammelled spirit, to our immediate progenitors that they, in turn, might enjoy greater blessings and still further pave the way for a life of comfort and comparative ease for those who should come after them. So closely were the people allied and so dependent was each upon the other that the whole record is, as it were, a grand mosaic. Separate the lives and deeds as you will, each forms a small section, complete in itself, ornamental of itself, and furnishing examples worthy of emulation. Fit these sections, cement them firmly—as the lives and common interests of our people have always been cemented—and who shall say that ours does not express a living panorama of bravery, sufferings, privations and hardships, merging finally into the greatest blessings that a cultured civilization can bestow?

It remains to gratefully acknowledge the cheerful and ready co-operation which has been everywhere extended, coming, as it has in many instances, from entire strangers. Thanks are tendered to Mr. Wm. P. Greenlaw and the New England Genealogical & Historical Society, of which he is a member, for the loan of books and manuscripts; to the Town Clerks, Messrs. Slate and Crowell, and to the local pastors for their interest and kindness in looking up and loaning books and papers; to Messrs. O. W. Gray, who has generously made and contributed the valuable maps; and to

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George E. Burrows for his patient and painstaking work in the matter of illustrating. Both these gentlemen have a high standing in their professions and their advice and disinterested labor in this matter has been of the greatest assistance in the preparation of the work. To Hon. Geo. Sheldon, and not least of all to my dear father and grandfather, who have always stood ready to advise and revise, and to give from retentive memories many facts which it would otherwise have been difficult to obtain; to my mother, who has always lovingly lightened home duties that needed time for research might be secured, and, finally, to each and every one who, by ready response to inquiries and with words of kindly encouragement, have thus assisted in bringing the matter to a successful termination.

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Few words will suffice to place this work before the friends and former townspeople, as well as those of future generations, for whose perusal, pleasure, and it may be profit, it has especially been compiled.

The value of local history is, year by year, becoming more and more apparent in this section, so rich in historical reminiscences. It is a difficult matter to find a place so secluded that careful research does not disclose some fact of interest to the general public. In the primal settlements of new countries there is always a marked similarity; even before the Christian Era we see the same parallel. The "survival of the fittest."

From the days when pagan Britain surrendered to the more civilized Roman government, through the so-called dark ages down to the time of Christ; then through the centuries succeeding, in the old world,—the then only known world,—the result is the same,—knowledge and strength combined triumph over ignorance and its attendant weaknesses. So in the early settlements in our own country, the arts and means employed in military warfare eventually overmatched the daring cunning of the uncivilized races.



The study of ancient history and of the pre-historic races is possessed of a peculiar fascination, and the lives of many of our most learned men are expended in patient research and writing regarding the same. If, then, this deeply buried matter is of such interest and importance as to thus engage the wise men of our day, is it claiming too much to assume that each and every one of us ought to have some definite knowledge, first regarding the founding of the places with which our individual lives are intimately connected, and secondly concerning the lives and deeds of those to whom we directly owe our very existence? It would seem that a spirit of veneration would prompt such inquiry, but unfortunately this has not always been proven the case. The general history of countries is now taught in the schools. Hence, as a rule, the young people of to-day are better informed upon such topics than were those of fifty years ago. On the other hand, formerly the early settlement of the country was a common subject. Had those of former generations realized the value of the knowledge they held and committed the main facts to writing, how much better instructed might we of to-day be! Much is now irrevocably gone and much that remains is so obscured that the most patient research alone will separate the true from the false, and not impossibly then the shadow of doubt must rest upon some portion of that retained.

In the time that is left, ere our aged men shall have passed beyond, let us each strive to glean all which their retentive memories have thus far perpetuated, and then see to it that the same is recorded somewhere and in available shape, remembering that, while each may not regard prominence in the literary or historical world, it is the sum total of the little things,—common every-day happenings if you will,—which must enter into the construction of the grand, completed whole. The chronological table is filled only when each fact occupies its appropriate niche.

No attempt has been made to connect the events transacted here with those of the outer world, except so far as is necessary to a proper understanding of the same, and it is in the hope that some degree of information may be imparted to those now upon the stage of action, and with the certainty that those of a future generation

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may see here as plain a record as possible, that this work is placed before the public. To those already near the golden gate may it revive pleasant memories! As it has been undertaken in a spirit of kindly affection, that its many shortcomings may receive a kindly criticism is all that is asked.

It is only by the ready assistance of friends that much needed material has been obtained. To them and to others let it herewith be returned.

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Greenfield, Mass.

Feb. 1902.



L. C. KELLOGG.



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Page 436, line 8, read *Frank E.* instead of *Frank J.*

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## ADDENDA.

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Here are to be found some families whose records were received too late to go into the Genealogical Register in their proper places, also two or three unintentionally omitted.

CUTLER, JOEL<sup>5</sup>, (James<sup>6</sup>, Abner<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup> of Watertown), b. May 20, 1796; m. (1) Apr. 10, 1828, Charlotte, dau. of Abraham Moore of Dover, Vt., who d. Mch. 16, 1832, ae. 29 years; m. (2) Mch., 1835, Ruby Haskins, widow of Andrew A. Rawson. She was b. in Dover, Vt., Feb. 14, 1803; d. Nov. 28, 1888. Mr. Cutler resided many years in Dover, purchasing in 1860 a small farm in North Bernardston, the place now owned by —— Talbot, and where he d. Mch. 20, 1890. Until over 90 years of age he was able to look after his work. He retained a vivid recollection of the events of the War of 1812. Had :

i. EPHRAIM W.<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 13, 1829; d. Feb. 6, 1830.

A step-daughter, Lucy Maynard Rawson, b. Feb. 19, 1825; m. Mch. 17, 1853, A. Utley Chase of Bernardston.

LANPHEAR, CHARLES and GEORGE, brothers who came from the north part of Colrain to town some years ago. Charles resides near the iron bridge at the village on the Lathrop Cushman place, George on the Fox Brook road.

RICE, ARLAND FAYETTE<sup>3</sup>, (Jason A.<sup>2</sup>, Jason C.<sup>1</sup>), b. in Rowe, July 16, 1860; m. Mch. 23, 1891, Mrs. Ada R. Thayer, dau. of Fayette Snow of Rowe. She was b. Oct. 25, 1863. Mr. Rice removed from East Charlemont to Bern., Dec. 5, 1891, purchasing the Benjamin F. Hale place on the Gill road, his present home. Children:

i. AMY HANNAH<sup>4</sup>, b. Mch. 24, 1898.

ii. ARLAND SNOW<sup>4</sup>, b. Jan. 18, 1900.

TOTTINGHAM, E. H., is by trade a painter having his shop in the old Universalist church building. His home is the place formerly owned by George Brooks, north of the New England House.











BERN VILLAGE.

## CHAPTER I.

LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES—ADDITIONAL GRANTS—COLERAINE GORE  
—DISTRICT OF LEYDEN—NAMES OF THE TOWN AND THEIR ORIGIN  
—NATURAL FEATURES—RIVER, BROOKS, MOUNTAINS, GLEN, SOIL,  
—PRODUCTIONS—ANECDOTE OF SAMUEL CONNABLE.

*Location and Boundaries.*—Bernardston is situated contiguous to the State of Vermont, in a section of the beautiful Connecticut Valley justly famed for the grandeur and variety of its scenery. One of the northern towns of Franklin County, its boundaries are: On the north, the State line, on the east, the towns of Northfield and Gill, on the south, Gill and Greenfield, and on the west, Leyden. It is distant from Boston about 100 miles, west by north, in latitude 42 degrees, 43 minutes, and longitude 4 degrees, 19 minutes, east of Washington. Its shape is nearly that of a trapezium, none of its four sides being either equal or parallel. From a survey made by Lt. Gov. Cushman in 1830 it is seen that the west is the longest and the north the shortest side. The average distance north to south is five miles, east to west, four and one-half miles. At that time it contained twenty-three and one-fourth square miles, or 14,895 square acres.

*Florida Grant.*—When the town was first laid out it was not definitely known where the State line was, but in 1763 the line was run, and it was found that a strip about one-half a mile in width on the north side, belonged to New Hampshire, which at that time included Vermont. To compensate the proprietors for the loss thus sustained, the Legislature granted, in June, 1765, about 7,500 acres on Hoosac mountain, which land is located within the present town of Florida, and the grant was confirmed in November of the same year. In 1779 trouble began with regard to town division, which was settled in 1780 by action of the Legislature, setting off 2,576 acres lying west of Green river, to Colrain. This was in accordance with the wishes of the inhabitants of the "Gore," as the land thus disposed of had come to be known. March 12, 1784, the

town was again shorn of her possessions by the district of Leyden being set off. It has twice received small annexations, the first time in 1838 when a small strip of land located near Mr. Hurlbert's factory was acquired, and the second, June 10, 1886, when the south-east corner of Leyden was ceded to the parent town. To-day the town of Bernardston comprises but about one-half of its original territory.

*Name.*—Its early name commemorated the event to which it directly owed its existence,—the Falls Fight. Doubtless because of the length of the name " Falls Fight Township " as it was first called, came the gradual contraction to " Fall Town," and the stream " Fall River " probably took its name from the town and the circumstances of its settlement, rather than the town having been named from the river, as some in recent years have asserted. Up to 1762, the time of the formal incorporation of the hamlet into a town, this was the name by which the pioneer settlement was known. In January, 1762, the General Assembly of the Province of Massachusetts Bay set its official seal upon the petition presented by the inhabitants, and the name of Fall Town lingered only in the memories of those to whom the place was possessed of a personal interest. To the world at large " Barnardstown " suggested the little village in northern Franklin County. This name was bestowed in honor of Sir Francis Barnard, baronet of Nettleham, Lincolnshire, Old England, and Provincial Governor of Massachusetts under George the Third.

The fact that the place was named for a Tory Governor has, at times, aroused the ire of some of her citizens, but some measure of consolation may be gleamed from the truism that the man could hardly have been held alone responsible for the age in which he lived, nor yet for having been born a British subject. May not the circumstance of his being considered by his king worthy to assume such a position, serve in some degree to mitigate this feeling?

The sentiments which led to the settlement of this country and the subsequent life of the colonists,—these two things of themselves would prevent anyone loyal to the British ruler from being acceptable to the people. The independent spirit here fostered was directly opposed to the policy of the English government, and

oppression was the inevitable result. Had England realized the strength of her offspring we might almost have looked for more diplomatic measures. Severe indeed was the lesson she had to learn!

The present name, Bernardston,—Barnardstown suffering contraction,—is less suggestive, and, to the casual observer, there is nothing, as in the first names, to indicate anything relative to the town's history.

*River and Brooks.*—Fall River bisects the town from north to south, entering the Connecticut at Riverside a little below the Falls where occurred the memorable fight. It is a beautiful, placid stream whose waters are unusually clear and cold, owing perhaps to its being fed by innumerable springs and small streams. The source of its east branch is just south of the slate quarries in Guilford, Vermont. On the farm of Mr. Abbott Brown in North Bernardston it is joined by the north-west branch, coming down from the mountain west.

As in all places, the land is irrigated by brooks, some of the larger being locally known as the "Newcomb Brook," the "Ceph Slate" or "Branch Brook," "Dry" and "Mill" brooks, the "Casey Brook," "Moll's Brook" and "Fox Brook." Many of these names suggest their origin and application. The "Newcomb," "Casey," "Fox" and "Slate" brooks ran near or through the farms of men bearing those names.

"Moll's Brook" owes its name to "Old Aunt Moll Foster" who, in her later years, became a town charge. She lived in a log house in "Moll's Hollow" (likewise named for her) east of the Burk bridge near where the brook empties its waters into Fall River. "Dry Brook" starts on "Huckle Hill," on the David Severance,—afterward David Streeter—farm, and acquires its name from the fact that in its course downward, in the "Purple Meadow" back of the location of the Lieut. Sheldon Fort site, it is invariably dry in summer.

One characteristic of the brooks here is, that they are all mountain brooks, and their course carries them down through gorge and glen, forming by the roadsides numberless picturesque scenes and cool retreats, most inviting upon a summer day, or most beautiful to behold when in the grasp of winter.



*Natural Features.*—The natural features are everywhere varied and pleasing. The town is nestled in the valley running north and south, girt about with rugged hills, offshoots of the Green Mountain range. The principal elevations are locally known as West Mountain, Bald and Ragged Mountain, or, as the latter has been designated of late, "Tame Cat." West Mountain is nearly 630 feet in height, the others but little less. "From the top of West Mountain, which is a rock but a few feet in width, there is a beautiful, variegated and extensive view of the surrounding country, extending south as far as Connecticut. North the view is intercepted by the Green Mountains and north-east the Monadnock rises like an island in the midst of an ocean. At the south-east the 'deep rolling Connecticut' may be seen winding its course through the valley, as a poet has beautifully expressed it, 'Giving verdure to nature and morals to man.'

More than 50 towns, probably, are in sight, 11 churches can be seen with the naked eye and, with a telescope, more than 20 can be discovered, and a tract of country which is scarcely excelled in point of the fertility of the soil and the virtues of its inhabitants." Thus Lieut. Gov. Cushman, in 1861, described the outlook.

Passing on toward North Bernardston, Wildcat looms above the horizon to the left. This grand old mountain is seen to its best advantage from its northern approach, where its densely wooded, precipitous sides are sharply delineated, and, with its companion, Tame Cat, opposite, and the beautiful meadow farms and peacefully flowing river between, it presents a scene of rarely equalled beauty. From the wild nature of the place rather than from the ferocious animal has the name been applied, and many have been the hunting expeditions planned in days of yore, with Wildcat as the objective point.

Upon the opposite side of the river is Tame Cat or, as it was earlier known, "Ragged Mountain." This elevation has always been much more accessible, and after the timber was cut from it, the wood-choppers gave it the name in contrast to the appearance of Wildcat opposite, and Tame Cat it remains to the present. At North Bernardston the mountain at whose base lie nestled the farm and buildings of Myron Corbett, has long been known as "Crow-



WILDCAT MOUNTAIN.



berry Hill," while across the river is East Mountain, whose southern elevation is "Tame Cat."

*Bald Mountain.*—"Ball Mountain" for short,—lies a little farther east and south of Tame Cat and is said to derive its name from a bald, rocky spot near its summit, where the only vegetation ever found is a little moss clinging here and there to the crevices.

On the east side of this mountain is "Huckle Hill," rendered memorable as being the original site of the first church, and having located thereon also one of the first dwellings, the "Dea. Sheldon Fort." The huckleberries growing there in such profusion gave it the name. Stratton Hill is the name of a gentle rise of ground located north-west of Grass hollow, in the east part of the town, north-west of the Purple place, while east of Dry Brook is "Snow Hill," the early home of the Snow family. In that portion of the town incorporated into the district of Leyden are found "Frizzle Hill," named for the Mr. Frizzle who settled there, and "Beaver Meadow," so called from the great number of beaver formerly found there,—while in the south-east part of the town is Sheldon Hill.

Certain districts of the place have always been thus denominated, and the older people of to-day will tell with pride how the great number of geese kept by the residents on South street caused that road to be known as "Goose Lane," while "Burk Flat" was so designated because of its containing the John Burk Fort in the town's early history; and how one of the village worthies, years ago, used to facetiously call this same "Flat" "The plains of Abraham," for what reason, history is silent.

There are no very remarkable or striking curiosities here situated. Perhaps the glen upon the Newcomb Brook merits more than a passing notice, from its own natural beauty, and also because here was enacted one of the many tragedies incident to the Indian warfares. The place referred to is near the site of the old Connable sawmill. The passage is not more than 12 to 15 feet in width and from 60 to 70 in depth. The water here falls over the solid rock to the basin beneath. Over this place the Indians passed on a log, en route to Canada after the pillaging of Deerfield in 1704. One of the captives, (probably Hannah, daughter of Samuel Carter,) here met her death.

The soil is largely composed of gravel, and it is due to this that the roads are so easily kept in so good a condition. In sections a strata of red sandstone appears. There are, here and there, some mineral deposits, but not in sufficient quantities or in quality pure enough to be of any practicable value. On the mountain on the north part of the Levi Park place, where the lime and iron ores are found, there are scattered small mineral springs, whose waters are impregnated with magnesia, sulphur and iron, and that to such an extent that the soil and stones are covered with a thick, yellow sediment.

*Productions.*—The alluvial meadow lands have been brought to a high state of cultivation. In 1828 it was estimated by persons competent to judge, that the town produced 8000 bushels of rye and as much corn; also that there was made that year 5000 barrels of cider. In 1862 Mr. John Sanderson sent to the New York market his famous ox, "Constitution" or "Hero," said at that time to have been the largest beef creature ever dressed there. He was of a roan color, a grade Durham, small horn, and of the following measurements: height, 5 feet 9 inches, largest girth, 11 feet 5 inches, length from roots of horns to tail, 9 feet, width of back, 4 feet, width across rump, 1 foot 11 inches, across shoulders, 3 feet 3 inches, between forelegs, 1 foot 4 inches, length from hip to root of tail, 2 feet 11 inches, length from ham to brisket, 7 feet 5 inches, girth around neck forward of shoulder, 9 feet 5 inches. His dressed weight was 2,473 pounds. A large portion of this was purchased for the English market and the sum realized was invested in about 12,000 pounds of other good meat for distribution among the soldiers' families. Just a year later, in February, 1863, Mr. Imla K. Brown slaughtered a half-blood Chester hog, age 17 months and 1 week, which at that time was considered a remarkable animal, weighing, after hanging ten hours, 752 pounds. As the years go by the Bernardston farmers keep pace with the times and take a commendable pride in their vocation and productions. The latter are of a nature to be found in all farming communities. An abundance of good timber abounds, chestnut being now predominant.

*Anecdote of Samuel Connable.*—It is a fact known to comparatively few, probably, that the inhabitants of Bernardston were among the



first to make to any great extent, what has now grown to be a staple article of commerce in New England, namely the maple products. To whom the honor of discovery belongs or whether we must go back to the old Indian legend, we cannot tell. In "Dodsley's Register" for October, 1765, it is stated that a "method of making sugar and molasses from the sap of a certain tree called the maple, common in the New England colonies, has just been discovered and put in practice at several portions of New England, but especially at Bernardston, about 20 miles from Athol." In connection with this industry is an anecdote of Mr. Samuel Connable, one of the pioneers of the place, and a man remarkable for his ingenuity and self acquired mechanical skill. Of him it is said that he gathered "the sap in a basket and boiled it in a tub," which is literally true, and was published at the time in the English periodicals, according to Lieut. Gov. Cushman's papers. The explanation of this seeming impossibility is found thus. The sap was gathered in a basket, when frozen. The boiling in a tub does not seem quite as admissable as truth, but in those days one article was required to be put to as many uses as possible, and among the possessions of Mr. Connable was an old fashioned "potash kettle" very large round, conical in shape, but withal, shallow. How to utilize this became a study. Finally his ingenuity suggested that greater depth might be acquired by placing a tub top of the kettle, so procuring a "set work" tub with ears to it, in which a handle could be inserted, he removed the bottom, placed the tub within the top of the kettle and firmly packed the two together, something after the manner of calking, and when his kettle — or tub — call it as you will — was suspended from an improvised crane of crotched sticks, over an open fire, he was ready in reality to "boil sap in a tub." The contrast between this and the modern methods is certainly suggestive.

And as in the subsequent pages, we see most plainly the vicissitudes experienced and successes achieved, and the many obvious comparisons, we may, in the same proportion, realize that

"The great eventful Present hides the Past; but through the din  
Of its loud life, hints and echoes from the life behind steal in  
And the lore of home and fireside, and the legendary rhyme  
Make the task of duty lighter, which the true man owes his time."

## CHAPTER II.

EARLY HISTORY AND ORIGIN—THE FALLS FIGHT—PETITION FOR A GRANT—THE REPLY—TERRITORIAL GRANTS—PROPRIETORS—FIRST PROPRIETORS' MEETING—DIVISION OF LAND—NUMBERS OF THE LOTS DRAWN—JOSIAH SCOTT'S SETTLING BOND—COLLECTORS—PLAN OF THE TOWN ORDERED—THE "GORE"—FIRST FAMILIES—CHURCH MATTERS.

The early history of Bernardston is so closely identified with that of contiguous towns, that, in treating of it, that of Leyden, a part of Colrain, and other territory must necessarily be included.

The origin of the township properly antedates the grant of land made in 1735 by the General Court, 58 years, when at the present site of Riverside, near Turners Falls, occurred the "Falls Fight." There were two accounts of the engagement written within a year of its occurrence. One by Rev. William Hubbard of Ipswich, the other, anonymously, and signed "N. S." Both of these accounts are well worthy perusal and vary only in minor details. After careful research Rev. George Bodge prepared the following account for the Genealogical Register (April, 1887), and has given it in a full and accurate manner.

*Falls Fight.*—"A company consisting of volunteers and many of the inhabitants of the towns along the Connecticut River mounted upon their own horses, and armed as each might be able, or from the garrison, took up the line of march in the evening of May 18th from Hatfield towards the Falls, twenty miles away, through the woods. Taking their way northwards through Hatfield meadows and on by the road where both Lathrop and Beers had met disaster and death, past the ruins of Deerfield, they crossed the river at the northerly part of the meadow (a late high authority says 'at the mouth of Sheldon's brook') and thus eluding the Indian outposts stationed at a place now called 'Cheapside' to guard the usual place of crossing. These Indians, it is said, overheard the crossing

of the troops and turned out with torches and examined the usual ford, but finding no traces there, and hearing no further disturbance, concluded that the noise was made by moose crossing, and so went back to their sleep. A heavy thunder shower during the night greatly aided the secrecy of the march, while it drove the Indians to their wigwams and prevented any suspicion of an attack. This danger safely passed, the troops rode forward through Greenfield meadows and crossing Green River, 'at the mouth of Ash Swamp brook to the eastward, skirting the great swamp' (says Mr. Sheldon) they at length, about daybreak, reached the high land south of Mt. Adams, where the men dismounted, and leaving the horses under a small guard, pushed on through Fall River and up a steep hill, and halted, silently awaiting daylight, upon the slope above the sleeping Indian Camp. Here all was wrapped in profound sleep. It is said that a great feast had been celebrated the night before by the Indians, at which they had gorged themselves with fresh salmon from the river, and beef and new milk from the Hatfield cattle. Not a guard had been set and no preparation had been made, so secure were they and unsuspecting of an English raid. And now with advancing daylight the sturdy settlers gathered silently down and about their unconscious foes, to whom the first warning of danger was the crashing of a hundred muskets, dealing death in at their wigwam doors. Many were killed at the first fire, and scarcely a show of resistance was made. The savages who escaped were terrified at the thought that their old enemy was upon them and fled towards the river yelling 'Mohawks! Mohawks!' and wildly threw themselves into the canoes along the banks, but many of these overcrowding the canoes, were thrown into the river and carried over the Falls to certain death; others were shot in attempting to reach the other side; others were chased to the shelving rocks along the banks and there shot down. It is said that Capt. Holyoke there dispatched five with his own hand. Very few of the Indians escaped and their loss was computed by contemporary writers at 300. Only one of the English was killed and he by mistake by one of his own comrades, and another was wounded in this attack. The soldiers burned all the wigwams and their contents, captured the tools of the Indian blacksmiths who

had set up two forges for mending arms, and threw 'two great piggs of lead (intended for making bullets) into the river.' But while this was being accomplished, the several larger bodies of Indians upon the river above and below, rallied, and from various quarters gathered in and about the English. A small party acted as decoys and showed themselves crossing the river above, and succeeded in drawing a portion of our forces away from the main body only to meet a large force and regain the command with difficulty. Capt. Turner, enfeebled as he was by disease, collected and drew off his troops towards the horses, while the guards were about this time attacked by the enemy, who hastily withdrew at the coming of the main body. Mounting their horses, the English began the march for Hatfield. The Indians in increasing numbers gathered upon flank and rear; Capt. Turner led the van, though so weak from long sickness as scarcely able to manage his horse. The intrepid Capt. Holyoke commanded the rear guard, but in effect conducted the retreat. The Indians advanced upon the left and rear and several sharp skirmishes ensued, while they tried to separate the rear guard from the main. Once Capt. Holyoke's horse was shot down and he narrowly escaped capture by the Indians who rushed forward to seize him, by shooting down the foremost with his pistol, till his men came to his aid. On the left of the line of march, nearly all the way to Green River, was a swamp in which the Indians found safe cover. A rumor was started (by an escaped captive it is said) that Philip with a thousand warriors was at hand, and a panic ensued.

The guides differed as to the course, and some following one and some another, disorder prevailed and the command was broken up. Two parties leaving the main body were cut off and lost. Captain Turner pushed forward with the advance as far as Green River, and was shot by the Indians while crossing the stream near the mouth of the brook upon which afterwards stood 'Nash's Mills.' His body was found near the place by a scouting party a short time afterwards. John Chase of Newbury, in 1735, testified that he was in this expedition and helped to bury the body of Capt. Turner.

The whole command now devolved upon Capt. Holyoke, who led his shattered forces, fighting every rod of the way to the south

side of Deerfield meadow to the place now known as the 'Bars' (according to Gen. Hoyt's account). That the retreat did not end in a general massacre is doubtless due to the skill and bravery of Capt. Holyoke in keeping the main body together, and in protecting flank and rear while pushing forward to avoid the chance of ambuscades; as it was, they found on arriving at Hatfield, that some forty-five or more of their men were missing. Rev. Mr. Russell's letter of May 22nd gives some account of the losses, and says that six of the missing have come in, reducing the number of lost to thirty eight or nine. Of the Indian losses he gives the report of Sergt. Bardwell, that he counted upwards of one hundred in and about the wigwams and along the river banks, and the testimony of William Drew and others that they counted some 'six score and ten.' Hence we cannot but judge that there were above two hundred of them slain."

*Petition of Samuel Hunt.*—The services and sufferings of this intrepid band of Capt. Turner's certainly merited a fitting recognition from the government they sought to protect, and a favorable reply was received to the following, presented November, 1734. "A petition of Samuel Hunt, of Billerica, for himself and other *survivors* of the officers and soldiers that belonged to the company of Capt. Turner, and the representatives of those that are deceased, shewing that the said company in 1676 engaged the Indian enemy at a place above Deerfield, and destroyed above three hundred of them, and therefore, praying that this Court would grant them a tract of land above Deerfield suitable to make a township."

*Reply.*—The reply to this petition shows the condition which our former legislators deemed necessary for the welfare of the future town. In the House of Representatives Nov. 28, 1734. "Voted that the prayer thereof be so far granted, as that the petitioners have leave by a surveyor and chain-man upon oath to lay out a Township of the contents of six square miles, to the Northward of the town of Deerfield, in the unappropriated lands of the Province, and return a plat thereof to this Court for confirmation within twelve months, and that the said township is granted to the petitioners and such other Officers and soldiers that were in said fight above Deerfield, commonly called the Falls Fight, and to the descendants



of any of the officers and soldiers that were in said fight and are deceased, and that shall be admitted by the committee hereafter named; provided the grantees do within four years settle sixty families in said township, and have each of them an house eighteen feet square and five acres of land brought to English grass, or broke up by plowing, and also build a convenient Meeting House, and settle a learned orthodox Minister among them, lay out a home lot for the first settled minister, and another for the Ministry, each of which to draw a seventieth part of said township; also a lot for the school, of one hundred acres, the remainder to be divided into equal parts among those that are admitted, and that John Stoddard, Joseph Dwight, Charles Church, Samuel Danforth, Esqrs., with such as shall be appointed by the Honorable Board, be a committee to receive the claims of all such as shall challenge by this grant, and are empowered and required to admit all such Officers and Soldiers as shall within a twelve months from this time put in their claims and give satisfactory accounts of their being in the fight, and shall also admit one and only one, of the descendants of each of the Officers and Soldiers that were killed in said fight, or since deceased, provided they put in their claims and make their challenge within twelve months as aforesaid. And the committee are further directed always to give preference to the eldest of the sons of each officer or soldier, deceased, that shall put in their claims, and in case no son puts in his claim within twelve months, then to give preference to the eldest male descended from any such Officer or Soldier, deceased, that shall put in their claims as aforesaid, and all others shall be excluded."

*The Grant.*—The land granted included what is now within the limits of Bernardston, Leyden, a portion of Colrain, and a small belt which was afterwards proven to have belonged to New Hampshire, in all a tract 6 miles square. A previous grant to a Mr. Fairweather of 500 acres, situated in the east part of the new township, together with the mountainous and waste lands included, so reduced this in value that, in 1741, as the proprietors increased numerically, they petitioned for and obtained another tract not yet covered by any prior grants.

The following is a copy of the original order for calling the first



meeting of the "Mantlers of Fall Town" and the return thereof.

"In the House of Rep'tives, Dec. 24, 1735.

*Ordered*, That Thomas Wells, Esq'r, be empowered and directed to notifie the Grantees of the Tract of Land or Township made by this Court to the Officers and Soldiers that were in the Fall fight above Deerfield, and to their Descendants, that they appear at some town in the County of Hampshire as soon as conveniently may beto chuse a Moderator and Proprietors' Clerk and to agree upon effectual methods for the laying out and fulfilling of their grant and to call meetings for the future.

Sent up for Concurrence.

J. Quincy, Sp'kr.

In Council, Dec. 26, 1735.

Read and Concurred.

J. Willard, Sec'y.

Consented to.

J. Belcher.

A true copy.

Examined pr Thomas Mason, Dep't Secry."

On the back of this order is the following in the handwriting of Esquire Wells.

"Hampshire ss. Dec. 26, 1735.

Pursuant to the Directions of the Within order I the Subscriber have Notified the Grantees of the Township within mentioned by posting up notifications in those towns where any of the porsons concerned Dwell to appear at ye house of Mr; Benjamin Stebbins of Northampton in sd county on Jan'y ye 27, 1735-6, for ends and purposes within mentioned.

Tho's Wells."

It will be observed that this order was signed by Gov. Belcher Dec. 24, and the return made Dec. 26. The grantees dwelt in 21 different towns in Massachusetts, scattered from Amesbury to Kingston in the east and from Deerfield to Suffield on the Connecticut River, beside 13 towns in Connecticut. Those were not the days of fast mails and Esquire Wells does not tell us how he executed his commission.

This grant of 500 acres had its origin as follows:—Nov. 24, 1720, in Council at Boston was received a petition from John Fayerweather in behalf of himself and others, grandchildren and heirs of Jonathan Payne, late of Boston, deceased, shewing that about 1673, by direction of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay the latter did run the southern line of said Colony to Hudsons River, having the whole charge of the business thereby incurring great expense.

hardships and fatigue. For this service the General Court granted him, May 12, 1675, 1800 acres of land, and 4000 acres to be laid out in two different places. Payne's death occurred before he could procure the grant.

The "Plat" of the survey was returned Nov. 21, 1721, Timothy Dwight, Surveyor. The land was laid out between Northfield and Deerfield upon a brook known by the name of Dry Brook, beginning 20 rods west of the fordway over said brook and running north. By this we see that Dry Brook received its name at least 15 years before the grant of Falls Fight township.

Considering the circumstances of its origin, what could be more appropriate than that the name of "Fall Town" should be bestowed, thus commemorating the "Falls Fight" of a half century before! This name the hamlet retained until its formal incorporation as a town in 1762, at which time the name of "Barnardstown" was adopted in honor of Gov. Barnard, a Provincial Governor of Massachusetts Colony under King George the Third, of England.

*Claimants.*—The soldiers and descendants of those deceased who were entitled to claims in the township granted were :

Joseph, only son of Hope Atherton, of Deerfield.  
 Nathaniel, from Nathaniel Alexander, Northampton.  
 Thomas, eldest son of Thomas Alvord, Middleton.  
 John, son of William Arms, Deerfield.  
 John, son of Timothy Baker, Northampton.  
 Samuel, son of Samuel Bedortha, Springfield.  
 John Field, descendant of James Bennett, Deerfield.  
 John, son of John Barbour, Springfield.  
 John, son of John Bradshaw, Medford.  
 Isaac, son of John Burnap, Windham.  
 Samuel Clesson, descendant of Peter Bushrod, Northampton.  
 Samuel, son of Samuel Boltwood, Hadley.  
 Samuel, son of Robert Bardwell, Deerfield.  
 John Hitchcock, descendant of Samuel Ball, Springfield.  
 Stephen, son of Stephen Belden, Hatfield or Northampton.  
 Richard, son of Elnathan Beers, Watertown.  
 Samuel, son of Samuel Beldin, Hatfield.  
 Preserved, son of Preserved Clapp, Northampton.  
 Thomas, son of Japhet Chapin, Springfield.  
 Samuel, son of Samuel Crow, Hadley.  
 Joseph, descendant of Joseph Crowfoot, Wethersfield.  
 William, son of William Clark, Lebanon.

Noah Cook, descendant of Noah Coleman, Hadley.  
Benjamin, son of Benjamin Chamberlain, Colchester.  
Nathaniel, descendant of Joseph Chamberlain.  
Samuel, son of John Conniball, Boston.  
John, son of John Chase, Newbury.  
William, son of Nehemiah Dickeson, Hadley.  
Samuel Jellett, descendant of John Dickeson, Hatfield.  
Benjamin, son of Benjamin Edwards, Northampton.  
Joseph, son of Joseph Fuller, Newtown.  
Samuel, son of Samuel Field, Deerfield.  
Nathaniel, son of Nathaniel Foot, Colchester.  
John, son of John Flanders, Kingston.  
Isaac, son of Isaac Gleason, Enfield.  
Richard Church, descendant of Isaac Harrison, Hadley.  
Simon, son of Simon Grover, Malden.  
Samuel, son of Joseph Griffin, Roxbury.  
John, son of John Hitchcock, Springfield.  
Luke, son of Luke Hitchcock, Springfield.  
Jonathan, son of David Hoit, Deerfield.  
Jonathan Scott, descendant of John Hawks, Waterbury.  
Eleazer, son of Eleazer Hawks, Deerfield.  
James, son of James Harwood, Concord.  
John Doud, descendant of Experience Hinsdell, Middleton.  
Samuel, son of Samuel Hunt, Tewksbury.  
William, son of Abel James, Lebanon.  
John, son of John Ingram, Hadley.  
Samuel, son of Samuel Jellett, Hatfield.  
William, son of Robert Jones, Almsbury.  
Medad, son of John King, Northampton.  
Francis, son of Francis Keet, Northampton.  
Martin, son of Joseph Kellogg, Suffield.  
John, son of John Lee, Westfield.  
John, son of John Lyman, Northampton.  
Joseph, son of Joseph Leeds, Dorchester.  
Josiah, son of Josiah Leonard, Springfield.  
John, son of Cornelius Merry, Long Island.  
Stephen Noble, descendant of Isaac Morgan, formerly of Enfield.  
Jonathan, son of Jonathan Morgan, Springfield.  
Thomas, son of Thomas Miller, Springfield.  
James, son of James Mun, Colchester.  
Benjamin, son of John Mun, Deerfield.  
John, son of Phillip Matoon, Wallingford.  
John, son of Godfrey Nims, Deerfield.  
Ebenezer, son of Medad Pumroy, Northampton.  
Samuel, son of Caleb Pumroy, N. H.  
Samuel, son of Robert Price, Glastenbury.  
Samuel, descendant of John Preston, Hadley.

Thomas, son of John Pratt, Malden.  
 John, son of John Pressy, Almsbury.  
 Henry, son of Henry Rogers, Springfield.  
 John, son of Thomas Reed, Westford.  
 Nathaniel, son of Nathaniel Sikes, Springfield.  
 Nathaniel, son of Nathaniel Sutliff, Durham.  
 Samuel, son of Samuel Stebbins, Springfield.  
 Luke Noble, descendant of Thomas Stebbins, Westfield.  
 Ebenezer, son of William Smeed, Deerfield.  
 Joseph, son of John Smith, Hatfield.  
 James, son of James Stephenson, Springfield.  
 Thomas, son of Joseph Seldon, Haddam.  
 Josiah, son of William Scott, Hatfield.  
 John, son of John Salter, Charlestown.  
 William, grandson of Capt. Turner, Swanzey.  
 Benjamin, son of Benjamin Thomas, Stafford.  
 Capt. Joseph Winchell, Jr., descendant of Jonathan Tailer, Suffield.  
 Samuel, son of Samuel Tyley, Boston.  
 Preserved, son of James Wright, N. H.  
 Cornelius, son of John Webb, Springfield.  
 Jonathan, son of Richard Webb, Stamford.  
 John, son of Benjamin Wait, Hatfield.  
 Eleazer, son of Eleazer Webber or Weller, Westfield.  
 Capt. Thomas, son of Thomas Wells, Deerfield.  
 Ebenezer, son of Joseph Warriner, Enfield.  
 Jonathan, son of Jonathan Wells, Deerfield.  
 William, son of Nicholas Worthington, Colchester.  
 John, grandson of John Scott, Elbows.

"The Committee appointed to inlist the officers and soldiers in the fight called the falls fight under the Command of Capt. William Turner then slain, and the Descendts. of such as are Deceased and that are intitled to the grant of this great and general Court made them of a township, have attended many times that service & retorne the list above & aforesaid which contains the persons names claiming & from whome and Which the Committee have accordingly allowed all which is Submitted."

William Dudley.  
 Ezekiel Lewis.  
 John Stoddard.  
 Joseph Dwight.  
 John Wainwright.

Boston, June, 1736.

In Council June 23, 1736. Read and ordered that this Report be

accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Simon Frost Dep'y Secretary. (Mass. State Archives, Vol. 114, page 610.) To this list Mr. Williams in the "Redeemed Captive" adds the names of Samuel Colby of Almsbury and Irgal Newbury of Malden.

As will be seen, a number of the claimants resided in Connecticut; also some of the soldiers were at this time living, and personally applied for their allotments, as in the cases of Nathaniel Alexander, John Chase, Samuel Beldin, John Bradshaw, Joseph Fuller, Samuel Hunt, James Mun, Jonathan Wells and others.

*Proprietors' Meetings.*—The grant was confirmed Jan. 21, 1736, and six days later, Jan. 27, according to a notification issued by the House of Representatives, the Proprietors held their first meeting at the house of Benjamin Stebbins, at Northampton. Ebenezer Pomeroy was chosen moderator, also proprietors' clerk, Thomas Wells, Esq., Samuel Field and Jonathan Hoit of Deerfield were elected a committee whose duty it should be to "examine ye place agreeable to ye Act of ye Genll Assembly where ye Town Shall Ly and when They by viewing, obtain satisfaction where to lay sd town, Then to Gett itt Laid out by a Surveyor and chairman under Oath." They were further instructed to prepare a plan of the township, subject to the acceptance of the proprietors and ultimately to confirmation by the General Court.

The second Proprietors' meeting was also held at Mr. Stebbins' home the succeeding fall, Oct. 6th. In the notification all are warned to "Come prepared to Pay ye First Charge For Laying out sd Township." The land was laid out in four divisions; the first was planned in such manner that each proprietor received a "Home Lot" of not less than 50 acres, and all "Entervail or meddow Lands Should not be Laid out In ye aforesaid 50 acre Home Lotts." The committee having this division in charge was Ichabod Allice of Hatfield, William Dickson of Hadley, Hezekiah Wright of Northampton, Samuel Field of Deerfield, Benjamin Munn, Jonathan Hoit and Eleazer Hawks of Deerfield. A commendable spirit of fairness and honorable dealing with each other was most excellently portrayed by the minute instructions given this committee. Among other things they were particularly requested to note, in all cases the *quality* of the land, and wherever they found that



which seemed inferior, to offset the same by an additional quantity, that all might be made as nearly equal as possible. The first charges made were for 3 pounds a person, and no one was to be admitted to a draught until he had paid that sum. About this time it was again voted to petition the General Assembly for an additional grant, upon the ground that the grantees were more numerous than in other towns granted for such like military services. Thomas Wells was invited to prefer the petition: but if any further action was taken in the matter at this time it was not recorded. It is not improbable, however, that the "Gore" received in 1741 was the result of a revival of this petition.

In 1737 there had 97 proven their claims to a proprietorship in the new town, consequently it was deemed advisable that the land should be divided into 100 lots, 97 proprietary, and 3 to be known as Public Lots, i. e., devoted to the use of the church and school. These latter were to be "Pitched upon by ye Committee that Laid Out ye Same and the Lotts Pitched upon by ye Committee are as followeth; viz. the Minister's Lott, No. 6, School Lott, No. 60. The Ministry Lot, No. 26."

Thus we see that amid the hardships incident to the settlement of a new and hostile country, our sturdy ancestors did not, for a moment, lose sight of the fact that in a religious and educational development lay the means of facilitating their own and their country's progress.

Having taken the first steps tending towards future moral and mental advancement, their attention was turned to the disposition of the Home Lands, all who were there then drawing their number or "Ticket." The absentees were to be instructed to apply to the Clerk who kept "The Remainder of ye Tickets not now drawn."

"And here followeth a Lift of ye Proprietors' Numbers That each proprietor drew" those marked ‡ designating the ones who gave the required bonds for settling.

	Home lot.	Meadow lot.
‡ John Burke, from Nathaniel Alexander,	No. 9	No. 67
Thomas Alvard,	" 58	"
John Sheldon, from John Arms,	" 36	"
John Baker,	" 59	" 35
Joseph Atherton,	" 98	



	Home lot.	Meadow lot.
	No.	No.
Jonathan White, from Samuel Bedortha,	No. 79	
John Fly, from John Barbour,	" 12	
John Bradshaw,	" 42	" 100
Jonathan Wells, Esq.,	" 21	" 6
Stephen Beldin's Heirs,	" 19	
Samuel Tyley,	" 48, 46	" 92
Joseph Fuller,	" 93	" 30
Samuel Hunt,	" 54	" 12
William Turner,	" 66	" 78
‡ Capt. Thomas Wells,	" 3	" 41
Joseph Leeds,	" 75	" 16
Isaac Burnap	" 91	
Samuel Clesson,	" 38	
‡ Aaron Smith, from Samuel Boltwood,	" 94	
‡ Samuel Bardwell,	" 47	
John Hitchcock,	" 14	
Richard Beers,	" 61	
Ichabod Allice, from Samuel Beldin,	" 40	
Captain Preserved Clapp,	" 56	
‡ Shem Chapin, from Thomas Chapin,	" 1	" 50
Samuel Colton, from Samuel Crow,	" 50	" 3
William Clark,	" 18	
‡ Noah Cook,	" 71	" 84
James Scovel, from Benjamin Chamberlain,	" 7	
Nathaniel Chamberlain,	" 73	" 20
William Dickeson,	" 78	" 87
Samuel Jellett,	" 4	" 99
Hezekiah Wright, from Benjamin Edwards,	" 15	" 62
Samuel Field,	" 8	" 51
‡ Nathaniel Foot,	" 87	" 55
John Hinsdell, from Isaac Gleason,	" 31	
Ebenezer Sheldin, from Richard Church,	" 80	" 96
‡ John Hitchcock,	" 2	
Luke Hitchcock,	" 76	
Jonathan Hoit, from Judah Wright,	" 11	
Simeon White, from Jonathan Scott,	" 82	
John Doud,	" 32	
‡ Eliezur Hawks,	" 16	" 76
John Ingrams,	" 98	" 52
Ebenezer Sheldon, from Samuel Jellett,	" 13	" 32
‡ Joseph Bascom, from Medad King,	" 92	No. 9&81
‡ Charles Sheldin, from Francis Keet,	" 17	
Joseph Kellogg, from Martin Kellogg,	" 77	No. 5
John Lee,	" 72	" 74
Josiah Leonard,	" 25	" 66
‡ Thomas Miller,	" 55	

	Home lot.	Meadow lot.
Samuel Bennett, from James Mun,	No. 68	No.
‡ Benjamin Mun,	" 41	
John Motune,	" 30	" 23
‡ John Nimes,	" 35	" 27
Joseph Barnard, from Ebenezer Pumroy,	" 39	
Samuel Pumroy,	" 90	
Samuel Preston,	" 69	" 21
‡ Aaron Stebbins, from Samuel Stebbins,	" 83	
Aaron Noble, from Luke Noble,	" 81	" 35
‡ Ebenezer Smead,	" 64	" 24
Joseph Smith,	" 23	
‡ Josiah Scott,	" 33	
John Lyman,	" 89	" 37
Capt. Joseph Winchall,	" 48	
Joseph Mitchell, from Preserved Wright.	" 49	No. 29&56
‡ John Wait,	" 24	No. 7
‡ Eliezer Webber,	" 27	" 11
Shem Chapin, from William Worthington,	" 51	
Thomas Seldin,	" 28	" 34
These yt follow Drew Lotts after ye Meeting of May ye 4th. 1737.		
	Home lot.	Meadow lot.
‡ Hezekiah Wright, from John Field,	No. 86	No. 72
‡ Nathaniel Sikes,	" 88	" 40
Samuel Cunibell,	" 67	
Stephen Noble, from Jonathan Morgan,	" 97	" 45
John Alexander, from John Webb,	" 100	
Samuel Blanchard, from John Pratt,	" 57	
Samuel Blanchard, from Simon Grover,	" 95	
Ebenezer Warriner,	" 29	
Timothy Cooper, from Henry Rogers,	" 22	
‡ Charles Coates, from James Stevenson,	" 62	" 58
William James,	" 10	" 44
William Scott, from John Scott,	" 85	
Nathaniel Sutliff,	" 53	
Jonathan Webber,	" 70	
The Minister's Lot,	" 6	" 19
The School Lot,	" 60	" 70
Charles Clark,	" 37	
John Pressy,	" 64	" 54
Benjamin Thomas,	" 94	" 71
Jonathan Morgan,	" 45	
Josiah Griswold, from Joseph Crowfoot.	" 74	" 42
Thomas Goodwin, from Samuel Pierce,	" 84	" 83
William Jones,	" 52	" 77
John Reed,	" 63	" 10
John Salter,	" 5	" 48

	Home lot.	Meadow lot.
John Mezzy,	No. 20	No. 2
James Harwood,	" 44	
Okes Anger, from Samuel Griffith,	"	" 28
John Flanders,	"	" 38
The Ministry Lot,	"	" 53

(The edges of the leaves upon which the numbers of the last three lots were recorded have been worn off.)

In addition the following drew meadow lots :

	Meadow lot.
Shem Chapin, from Cornelias Webb,	No. 49
Widdow Beldin,	" 3
‡ Hezekiah Newcomb,	" 98
Isaac Bigelow,	" 86
Charles Case,	" 60
Simon Grover,	" 82
Ebenezer Sheldin,	" 79
Judah Wright, from Jonathan Hoit,	" 36
Jonathan Scott, from Simeon Wait,	" 97
Elijah Williams,	" 93
John Merry,	" 88
‡ Joshua Wells,	" 8
Ebenezer Sheldin, from Samuel Pumroy,	" 68
‡ John Catlin, 3rd,	" 63
Thomas Pratt,	" 46

After the disposal of the lots as above, this meeting was adjourned to what would possibly seem an unseasonable hour, seven of the morning following; to those of whom we write, however, it was of no uncommon occurrence, for during the succeeding four years mention is frequently made of meetings being held at that hour, and in one instance, at six. A possible explanation may be found in the fact that many of the proprietors, being non-residents of Deerfield, (where the most of the meetings were held) were necessarily obliged to remain over night, and preferred, or rather, needed the most of the day wending their way homeward, through paths which, at the best, were fraught with many and unseen dangers.

At this adjourned meeting were appointed Ebenezer Barnard and Shem Chapin to prevent any strip or waste being committed upon the land, prosecution being the penalty of all such depredations. In October, 1737, this action was so modified that the privilege of cutting sizable wood and timber was permitted. In the

spring this was followed by a vote restricting the prerogative to such wood as was used upon the place.

Prior to this, no really definite steps had been taken toward settling within the limits of the new town. All that had been accomplished was, necessarily, work of a preparatory nature. Now it was deemed advisable to further comply with the conditions of the grant and procure settlers to the number of sixty, and a committee was chosen for that purpose. They were instructed to receive bonds of 100£ from each settler. The bond taken from Josiah Scott is still in existence, and is an interesting document of which the following is a copy :

*Josiah Scott's Settling Bond.*—" Know all men by thefe Prefents that I, Josiah Scott of Hatfield in the fd County of Hampshire in Province of Mafsachufet bay in New England, houfewright, Am holden & Stand firmly Bound & obliged unto Samll Field of Deerfield In fd County aforefd Treafurer for the Proprietors of the fall fight township above Deerfield aforefd So Called, to his Succefsors in fd office in the full & juft sum of one Hundred Pounds Current Money of New England to be Paide unto the fd Samll Field in his capacity aforefd or to his Succefsors in fd office or to his or theire Certiani Attorney for the ufe of fd Propriore to the which Payment well and truly to be maide, I bind myselfe my Heirs, Excters — — (two words not decipherable— ) firmly By thefe Prefents Sealed with my Seal, Dated this 29 Day of April in the Eleventh year of his majesties Reign Anno Domini one thoufand Seven Hundred & thirty Eight.

The Condition of this obligation is such that whare of the Grate & General Courte have Granted a tract of Land for a township to the officers & Soldiers and theire Defcendants that ware in the fall fight in the year 1676, on Condition that they settle Sixty famileys in fd townfhip, Each to Build a Houfe 18 feet square and 7 feet studd & clear & Bring too 6 acres of Land for Plowing or to Grafs. Reference to fd Grant Being Had will more fully appear & the sd Josiah Scott Being a Proprietor in fd townfhip, if therearefore he the sd Josiah Scott do by Himselfe or some other meet Person Buld a Houfe as a fore sd on the Lott No. 33 In the frift Devifion of Land in sd townfhip or on any other Parte of his Propriaty their

& settle a family clear & Bring too 6 acres of Land for Plowing or to Grafs, as a aforesd & do all that is required of a Setlor in sd township in order to fulfill the Terms on which sd townfhip is Granted according to the true Intent & meaning Their-of within the Time Limited By Sd Court then the above obligation to be voide & of None Effect But on Default of any Parte theire of to abide & Remaine in full force & vertue.

Josiah Scott. (Seal.)

Signed Sealed & Delrd

In prefence of us

John Barnard

Abner Barnard."

From the existing records it would seem that it was with some difficulty that the sixty settlers were secured. An 18£ bond was required of the non-settlers and it was voted to take this of Joshua Fuller, Joseph Fuller, William Turner and Thomas Seldin, at their request. Later it was reported that the thirty-seven non-settlers paying 18£ each, it was impossible to secure the requisite sixty, hence it was decided to raise the non settling bond to 22£. It appeared that five had been dilatory in their choice of lots, and had not yet paid their first assessment of 3£. Therefore, at the next meeting the Clerk "in open meeting" was to draw lots as to which the delinquents should be of the number to settle, or to give a 22£ bond. There were but 42 who expressed themselves ready to take up their abode in the new town, therefore the Proprietors, considering that 27 of their number had failed to give a bond either way, and that there remained then 17 to make up the number required, instructed the Clerk to draw lots to fill the vacancy. The result was that these were to settle :

Thomas Alvard	drew lot No.	58
Ichabod Allice	" " "	40
Jonathan White	" " "	79
Samuel Cunnabell	" " "	67
John Ely	" " "	12
William Jones	" " "	52
Stephen Beldin	" " "	19
John Lyman	" " "	89
Josiah Leonard	" " "	25
Henry Rogers	" " "	22

Nathaniel Sutliff	drew lot No.	53
Joseph Mitchell	" " " 49 &	29
Samuel Bennett	" " "	68
John Reed	" " "	63
Capt. Joseph Winchall	" " "	48
William Scott	" " "	85
Benjamin Rugg	" " "	51

Now, and perhaps to their surprise, the Proprietors found that, including the Minister's lot, there were sixty-one lots taken. This being one more than the number called for, permission was given Ebenezer Barnard to become a non-settler by giving the usual 22£ bond. The proceeds of these bonds were to be devoted to the establishment of a house of worship and the maintenance of a Christian minister. As a matter of fact, Samuel Cunnebell was the only one of these positively known to have settled in town, and in the excitement of the perilous Indian warfare which so soon followed, it is more than probable that this clause in the conditions of the grant was soon lost sight of.

As yet the people resided at such distances that it was considered necessary for three collectors to be chosen; they were Mr. Samuel Blanchard for the district exclusive of Hampshire County, John Hinsdale for the upper part of that County, and Aaron Stebbins for the lower part and any other place not before mentioned.

According to the instructions given by the General Court a plan of the township was prepared by Surveyor Nathaniel Kellogg and presented by the proprietors to Ensign Jonathan Hoyt for safe keeping. At a subsequent meeting it was ordered to be passed to Mr. Elijah Williams. In the Mass. State Archives, Vol. 35, p. 21, is a plan, drawn in 1734.

June 13, 1739, Messrs. Williams and Kellogg were desired to prepare a plan upon parchment of the first division Home and Meadow Lots. July 2nd, 1807, this parchment plan was referred to by Ep. Hoyt of Deerfield as being used by himself in preparing a plan of that portion of the town known as "Frizzell Hill," and which was a part of the territory set off as Leyden.

A plan drawn by Dr. Caleb Chapin was, in 1893, in the possession of his grandson, Mr. S. W. Chapin (since deceased), and is an interesting and valuable document. That this plan must have been



made at a much later date is evident by its containing all the four divisions of land.

Up to this time, 1738, the Proprietors' clerk had been Ebenezer Pumroy, whose residence was at Northampton; now the most of the business seemed likely to be managed at Deerfield, or within the limits of the new township, therefore it was decided to elect a clerk residing nearer, and Ebenezer Barnard, a resident of Deerfield, was chosen by a great majority. The succeeding year choice was made of a new moderator in the person of Elijah Williams, who, with Samuel Field and Ebenezer Sheldon, was also appointed to lay out the roads. Hereafter upon the application of 7 proprietors the clerk was instructed to call a meeting, notifications being sent to Deerfield, Hatfield, Northampton, Hadley, Springfield, Wethersfield, Mauldin (Malden) and Watertown, thirty days before, and the same advertised in the "Public Prints." From these towns, doubtless, the most of the first settlers came. Monday, October 19, 1740, a vote was passed that a man be sent with a petition to the General Court for the gore of land lying between the township and Boston township No. 2, above Deerfield, and to get the plat of the town confirmed. Thomas Wells was asked to represent their claims and, if successful, he was to receive for his services 150 acres of land anywhere in the gore. Mr. Wells obtained for the town the additional territory sought, but for some unexplainable reason the town later rescinded their vote regarding his payment, and tendered him, instead, the sum of 50£.

*Church Established.*—In the meantime, as reference to the ecclesiastical history will show, a church had been erected, and September 23, 1741, was rendered memorable by the meeting of the day at which it was voted to settle a Minister. Out of the 48 votes cast, Rev. John Norton received 47. A committee was chosen to confer with Mr. Norton and draw up plans for his settlement. Eliezer Hawks, Chairman, submitted the following:

"As to a Settlement, Mr. Norton Shall have a 70th. Part of the Six Miles Square which is the original Grant of sd township, or an Equail Part of the whole township with each Proprietor, the ufe of the ministry Right During his abode in the work of the Ministry in sd Place and 200£ to be paid him half in money and half in

Work or Materials for building, within one year from the time of his settlement in sd work. 2nd, As to his salary he shall have one hundred and thirty pounds pr Annum for the first five years, and then to advance five pounds pr Annum until it Amounts to 170£ pr Annum, the Bills to be equal to Silver at 29s. pr ounce, or Silver at 29s pr ounce and his firewood brought to his door." These proposals were accepted by the proprietors and ultimately by Mr. Norton. He was settled November 25, 1741, the exercises occurring at Deerfield, and at the same time the present Unitarian (then Orthodox) church of Deerfield was organized. To defray the expenses of this occurrence a tax of 3£ was imposed upon each original right—public rights excepted.

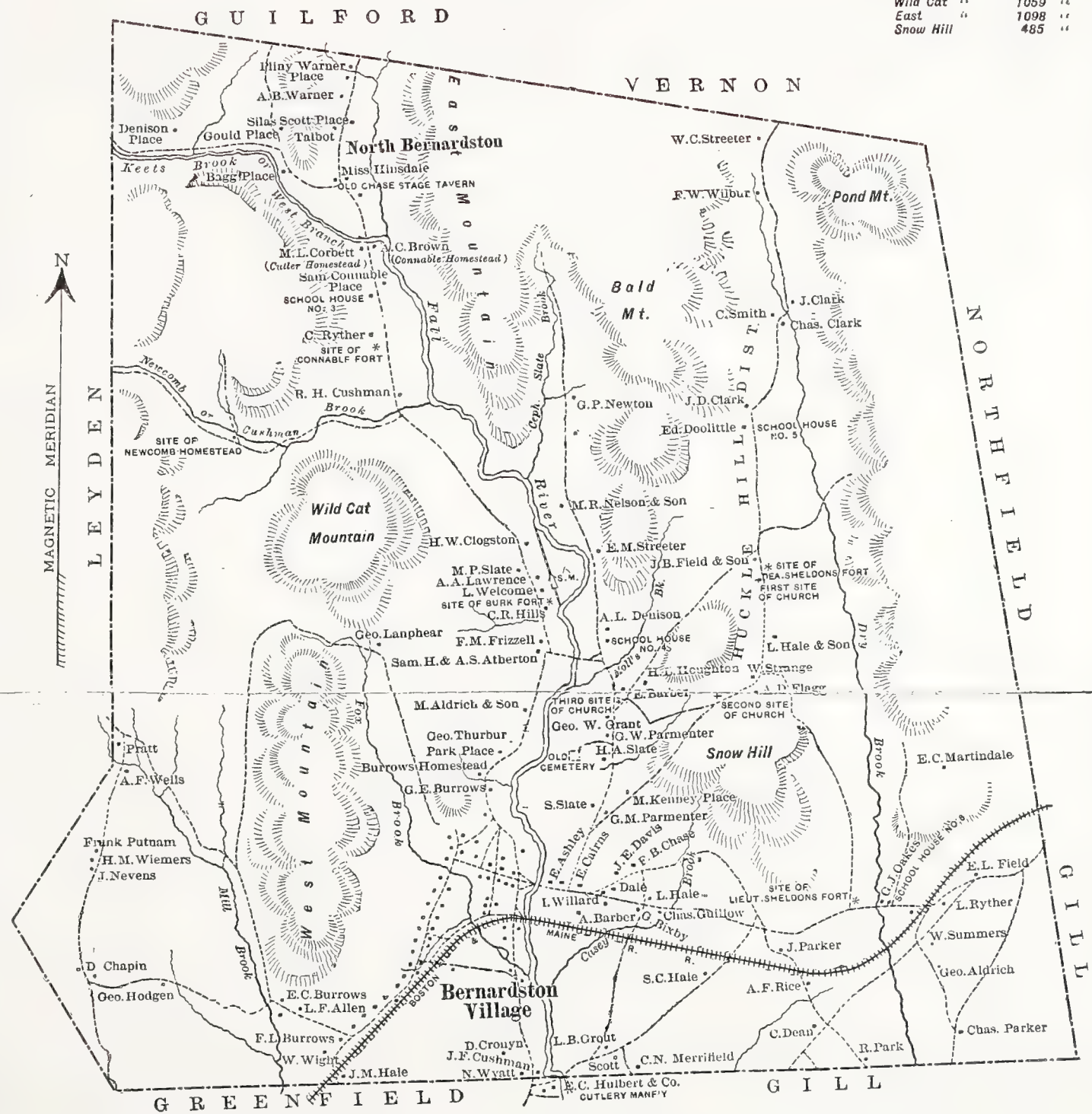
A second division of land was now contemplated, and presumably laid out. In this division each proprietor, in turn, had the privilege of laying out his property wheresoever he chose in the undivided lands, the newly acquired gore excepted. By this division, each had his possessions increased by one hundred acres.

*First Settlers.*—Thus we have traced the origin and foundation of the settlement, its history as revealed by the records found upon the proprietors' books. The conditions of the grant had been complied with, the church established, the pastor settled, the business meetings of the proprietors held at home, the first one at Mr. Ebenezer Sheldon's, September 23, 1741, and the first one held at a public place having been convened at the church or Meeting House, September 2, 1742. All things looked auspicious for a healthy growth of the colony, which at the close of the year 1743, numbered 17 families, so far as known as follows:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Samuel Connabell.     | 8. Moses Scott.                |
| 2. Lt. Ebenezer Sheldon. | 9. Rev. John Norton.           |
| 3. Dea. " "              | 10. John Lee.                  |
| 4. Maj. John Burk.       | 11. James Couch.               |
| 5. Caleb Chapin.         | 12. Capt. Eddy Newcomb.        |
| 6. Peter Newcomb.        | 13. Lt. David Rider or Ryther. |
| 7. Silas Newcomb.        | 14. John Perry.                |

Little did the inhabitants realize that harrassing times were so near at hand. The recital of the occurrences of the next twenty years is one of almost constant warfare and a struggle for even existence.

Heights above the Sea:	
Pond Mountain	1190 feet
Bald "	1167 "
West "	1145 "
Wild Cat "	1059 "
East "	1098 "
Snow Hill	485 "

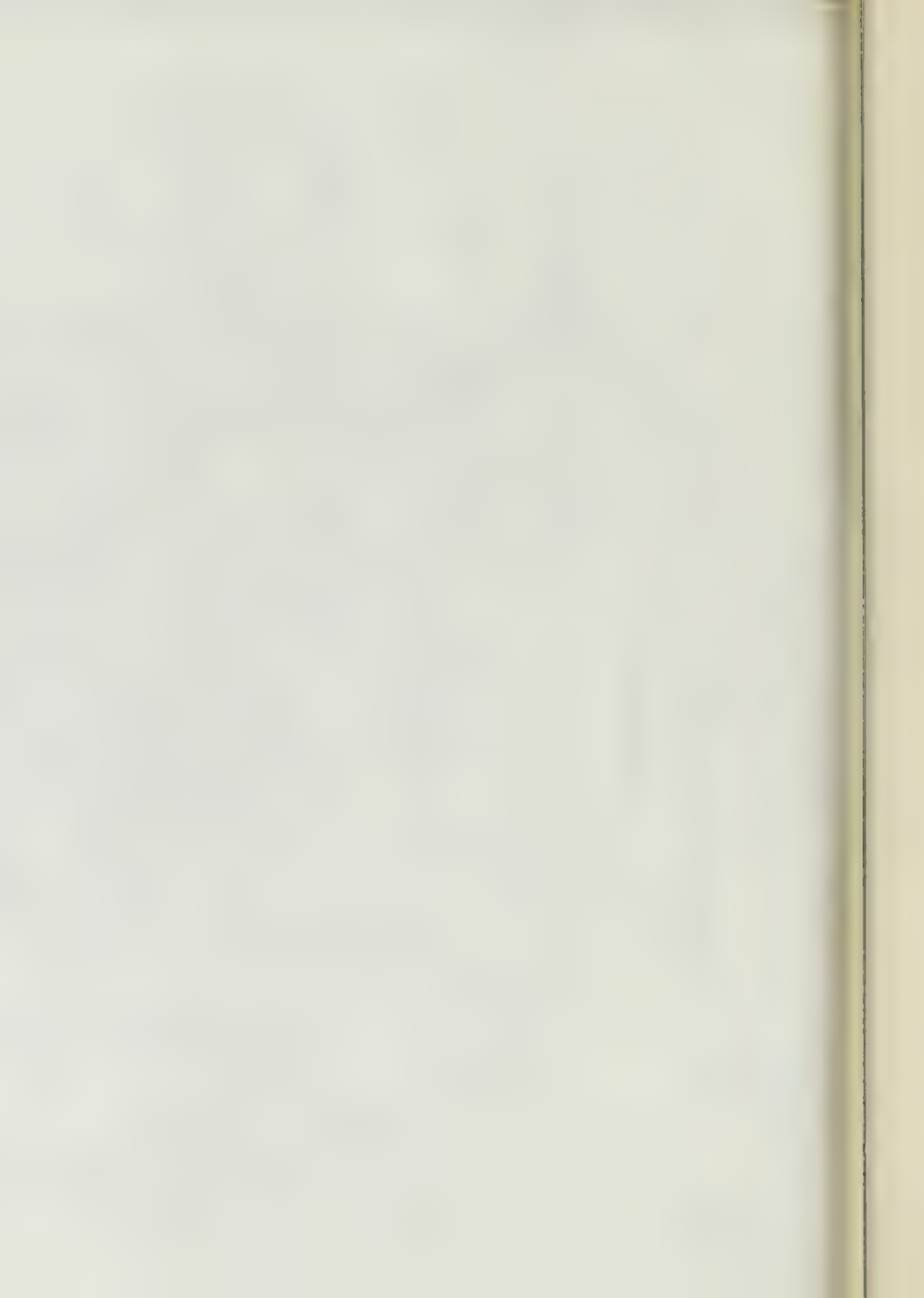


# MAP OF THE TOWN OF BERNARDSTON

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Scale, 240 Rods to one Inch.

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### CHAPTER III.

FIRST SETTLEMENTS—LOCATION OF THE FORTS—METHODS DEvised FOR ESCAPE FROM THE INDIANS—MR. NORTON'S DISMISSAL—INDIAN HOSTILITIES—BURK FORT AND ITS INHABITANTS—RECORDS OF MILITARY SERVICE—ANECDOTES—LETTER FROM JOHN BURK TO HIS WIFE—RESIDENTS IN 1760—REV. MR. WRIGHT'S CALL AND ACCEPTANCE—INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN—POUND ORDERED—FIRST TOWN MEETING AND TOWN OFFICERS—PETITION FOR RELIEF FROM THE PROVINCE TAX—FIRST REPRESENTATIVE, MAJOR JOHN BURK—EXTRACTS FROM HIS DIARY—HIS COMMISSIONS.

*Forts.*—The years 1744 to 1748 will be remembered as marking the duration of King George's War against the French and Spanish. Previous to this time there had been a few settlements made at Fall Town. The first four houses, or forts, as they were called, were located as follows: At what is now North Bernardston stood Samuel Connable's fort. The site of this is the late Madison Ryther Place, the ell of which was a part or whole of the fort built by Mr. Connable in 1739, and is still standing in a good state of preservation, as is also the large addition made many years prior to the Revolution. This was the second dwelling erected in town, Major Burk's fort being the first, as well as the largest, and the two Sheldon Forts, the third and fourth buildings being raised in 1740 or early in 1741.

On Burk Flat was the Burk Fort, on the site of the place built by Russell Bates, now owned and occupied by Mrs. Tenney, a widow, and nearly opposite Mr. Merick Slate's, the barn standing over the original well. Lt. Ebenezer Sheldon's Fort was in the east part of the town, between the Huckle Hill road and the Robert Cushman farm, or more accurately speaking, in the south-west corner of the Purple meadow, the location being now pretty nearly marked by a knoll a few rods east of the road leading to Huckle Hill. The Deacon Sheldon fort stood upon Huckle Hill near the Seorem Slate place, or more definitely, on a slight elevation a few rods east of



the road and opposite the house of John B. Field. The construction of these forts was much the same as of others of the colonial period; they were built of hewn logs, provided with port-holes and watch towers. The Burk Fort is described as being six rods square, built of timbers 10 to 12 feet in length, pointed at the top and placed perpendicularly in the earth, close together. At each corner an elevated watch tower was provided for the sentinels. The fort contained eight houses, some of these being little more than a "lean-to," the outer walls of the fort constituting the outer walls of the house. Every precaution possible was taken to guard against the peculiarities of the Indian warfare to which a frontier settlement, as Fall Town then was, must necessarily be exposed. One method of escape as devised by Samuel Cunnable in his fort was told by his grandson, Joseph Cunnable. In the north-east room of the house, in one corner of the floor, were certain short boards. Originally these were left unnailed and were concealed by a bed, so that in case of a sudden Indian attack, these boards might be displaced at a moment's warning, a secret escape made into the cellar and thence by a private way. By this means the inmates hoped to be saved from a capture and merciless destruction by the Indian foe.

June 14, 1744, war having been declared between France and England, forts were built at "East Hoosuck" the location being now in North Adams near the line of Williamstown, named Fort Massachusetts; on the high country in Rowe, Fort Pelham; in Heath, Fort Shirly. There were built in Colrain, two block houses, in Fall Town, one, in Greenfield, one; Fort Dummer was situated just in the northern limit of Vernon, Vt., No. 4, at Charlestown, N. H. These forts formed a part of a cordon or line of defence extending from Fort Dummer on Connecticut River in Vernon, to Dea. Sheldon's Fort on Huckle Hill, thence to Morrison's Fort in Colrain, across Hoosac Mountain to Fort Massachusetts.

During this war there are no records either of meetings or settlements by the proprietors, and this circumstance, together with former oral testimony and the known hostility of the Indians throughout the colonies, confirms the conclusion that the settlers either returned to more thickly populated districts, or betook themselves to the forts for better protection. "July 17, 1745, I have ordered



Corporal Alexander back to Fall Town by reason of his family is there. (Signed) Ephraim Williams." In the petition which the people in 1762 presented to the General Court for relief from the Province tax, they give us evidence of the hardships endured, that the war which began in 1744 was very disastrous, one house was burned, sundry cattle killed and all the people save two families left town. Because of the "troubles of the times" Mr. Norton was invited to "remove from the ministry in this town for the present." During one year of this war the Government stationed a Sergeant and eight men at both Burk's and Deacon Sheldon's Forts. Major Burk held the office of Sergeant and had the command of a fort and soldiers. During an attack by the Indians in 1747, (Lt. Gov. Cushman), or May 9, 1747, (Doolittle's narrative), he was wounded, there being but two men with him at the time. Their small force, however, did not prevent their repulsing the foe and mortally wounding two. During this struggle, the wives of Major Burk and Sergt. Caleb Chapin each loaded two guns until the barrels were so hot they could not bear their hands upon them. Thus in times of war, as well as peace, did these fearless women prove themselves indeed helpmeets.

There seems to have been some sort of a company organized for the protection of the settlers very early, for upon the back of a notification for a proprietors' meeting, dated March 8, 1742 3, is the following in the same hand writing as the notification:

## FORT SHELDON.

Capt. Wright.  
Ensign Hawks.  
Sergt. Burk.  
Corpr. Newcomb.

Clerk Chapin.  
Drummer Fuller.  
Soldier Landfier.

No date is appended to this note and it not improbably refers to the eight men stationed by the Government at the Fort during one of the years of the Indian warfare. The document is yellowed with age and the margin a little ragged, but the text is well preserved and perfectly legible.

In 1746, the Deacon Sheldon fort was the scene of hostilities. One day Lt. Sheldon heard the report of guns and rightly concluded that Deacon Sheldon's fort was attacked by Indians. "There being but two or three men with him, they mounted their horses and,

with their muskets, their constant companions, rode hastily to the assistance of their brethren in danger. Having arrived near the place, he found the Indians so numerous that to fight them openly would be folly and ensure his own defeat. Here the quick, penetrating mind of the warrior is seen in the stratagem he laid. Being within hearing of the Fort but concealed by the woods, he began to give his commands to his men in a loud voice, and to ride from one direction to another as though he had a large number of men with him, directing the other men that were with him to do the same. The stratagem succeeded admirably. The Indians, supposing that they were attacked by a force superior to their own, soon began their retreat, and with their accustomed war-whoop and setting fire to one house, left the brave Lt. Sheldon and the people in the fort free from further molestation." It was supposed that the Indians, upon this occasion, were piloted by a young Indian lad whom Major Burk had found upon the banks of Fall River near his fort. He took him into his family, taught him to read and work, giving him the name of John Harmon. But the Indian nature remained unchangeable, and upon reaching manhood the lad ran away from "Old Aquilise," as he called his would-be benefactor.

July 15, 1747, Eliakim, son of Lt. Sheldon, while at work in a field just without the walls of the fort, was fired upon by an Indian, receiving wounds from which he died the following night. His body was buried near by, on the east side of the present road leading to Huckle Hill, and the older inhabitants recall a rough brown stone as formerly marking the site of the grave.

The surrender of Fort Massachusetts in Adams in 1746 is of local interest, inasmuch as some of our people were there present, as follows :

Chaplain John Norton, John Perry and his wife Rebecca, Moses Scott, his wife Miriam and their children Ebenezer and Moses. The three latter died in captivity in Canada. Constant ward and watch only brought about a comparative safety, and the hardy frontiersmen were impressed for many and perilous tasks. In 1747, James Couch received 7s. 6d. for three days scouting. David Rider or Ryther was sent upon scouting duty to Fort Bridgman, situated in Vernon, Vt. In 1749, Ebenezer Sheldon, Sgt., Ebenezer Shel-

don, Jr., "Centinel," Remembrance, Abner and Elijah Sheldon and Ebenezer Severance were out in Col. Israel Williams' Company.

1755 marks the beginning of the French and Indian Wars which brought terror and desolation to so many homes in the Connecticut Valley. Fall Town suffered, as did many other places, although not to so great an extent. In so much danger were the inhabitants that they again removed to the forts for better protection, most of them going to the Burk fort. Those who lived there for the ensuing five years were: Major John Burk, Samuel Cunnable and James Couch (one family), Lt. John Severance, Zebulon Allen, David Rider, Sr., Caleb Chapin, John Foster, Dea. Aaron Field and Deacon Sheldon, in all about fifty persons. The people who sought refuge there were indeed fortunate in not being molested.

*Anecdotes.*—In connection with this war there are two well authenticated incidents worthy of perpetuation; the first shows the self-sacrifice and forethought for others so often required, and the second, the courage so often displayed by the mothers of the race. In 1755 a regiment was raised in Western Massachusetts by Col. Ephraim Williams, the founder of Williams College. In one of the companies of that regiment were Sergt. Caleb Chapin and his sons, Joel and Hezekiah Chapin of Fall Town. The principal seat of the war, at this time, was in the vicinity of Lake George. Col. Williams' Regiment was ordered to make an attack on the French forces under Baron Dieskau. In passing through a ravine, the regiment was ambuscaded by French and Indians, defeated, and Col. Williams killed. In the flight which succeeded, Serg. Chapin and his sons kept together for some time, but being wounded, the strength of the former began to fail, and realizing that his sons remaining with him meant for them certain death, he sternly commanded them to leave him to his fate, saying, "Go! Save yourselves. Your lives are more useful than mine. Go and take care of your Mother and her family. Go at once and God bless you all." By this most noble and heroic act of Sergt. Chapin's the lives of his sons were saved. They returned the next day to find him near where they had left him, dead and scalped, with the tomahawk buried in his head. The instrument of death was preserved and some years ago, presented to Lt. Gov. Cushman, who in turn, de-

posited it at the rooms of the American Antiquarian Society at Worcester. Among the early settlers was Zebulon Allen, who, with his family resided in a log house near the Dalton Newcomb place, so called. One day, having loaded his gun, he went out to his corn-field, within, as he supposed, a safe distance from his house, leaving his wife and two or three small children. Having completed her household tasks, Mrs. Allen began spinning flax. Like the good wife as described by Solomon, "She layeth her hands to the spindle and her hands hold the distaff." Upon hearing a slight noise at an open window behind her, she turned, and to her horror, beheld two Indians dressed in warrior's costume and armed with guns and knives. Instantly recognizing the utter impossibility of either defence or flight, also the uselessness of attempting to alarm her husband, she, by a seemingly superhuman effort, returned to her work, apparently as calmly as before. To her unspeakable relief the unwelcome visitors soon glided away as noiselessly as they had approached. Thus by sagacity, heroism and self-control did Mrs. Allen preserve the lives of herself and little ones. A possible explanation of the unusual conduct of the Indians may be found in the fact that they, being cunning and wary themselves, and consequently looking for stratagem in others, may have imagined from Mrs. Allen's unlooked for and unusual demeanor, that they were menaced by some near and unseen danger and judged discretion to be the better part of valor. These two incidents forcibly illustrate the many and great dangers through which the inhabitants of the town passed during the first twenty years of its settlement.

In such a state of siege was the entire region, and in so great danger from the marauding parties of French and Indians, that frequent petitions were sent to the Massachusetts Government for aid, and especially from the cordon of forts extending from No. 4 (Charlestown) on the north, down through Hinsdale and Northfield, thence to those lying to the westward. In 1756, Lt. Ebenezer Sheldon wrote that his "Was the only garrison in the place. The enemy were here several times last summer and repulsed. His son was killed. Have expended 300£ O. T. in rebuilding and picketing the fort, which was a place of security for himself and his neighbors. This your petitioner has done, being determined



not to flee before the enemy, if he can *possibly* help it. But his circumstances are such, that he is unable to bear so great a charge." He especially desired pecuniary assistance repairing his fort. During this year Sgt. Ebenezer Sheldon, Jr., and seven men were stationed at Sheldon's Fort. Sgt. Remembrance Sheldon and seven men were stationed at Burk's Fort. During 1757, Sgt. Remembrance Sheldon and 16 men were stationed in Fall Town, Col. Israel Williams being in command. In 1758 the line of forts was under Capt. John Catlin, Sgt. Remembrance Sheldon and eleven men were at Burk's, and Sgt. Amasa Sheldon and eight men were at Sheldon's Fort. September 24, 1758, Capt. John Catlin of Deerfield died in the service at Burk's Fort. March 15, 1755, Commissary (Elijah?) Williams charges the Province for "15 pounds of powder and thirty and one half pounds of lead and three dozen flints delivered to John Burk for Burk's Fort." Among other supplies given out that winter were nineteen gallons of rum to Lt. Burk for Sheldon's Fort.

*Military Lists.*—July 5, 1755, Major Williams wrote Col. Israel Williams that thirty scouts report making frequent discoveries of Indians at Fall Town, Colrain and Charlemont and were daily seen at Fort Massachusetts. In Col. Israel Williams' Company scouting to the westward until October 18, 1756, were

Ebenezer Sheldon, Jr., Sgt.	Wareham Smith.
Noah Smith, Centinel.	William Harper.
David Rider.	Amasa Sheldon.
John Severance.	Stephen Coats.
Nathaniel Day.	Charles Coats.
Waitstill Alger.	Elisha Sheldon.
Samuel Frizzell.	Samuel Fairchild.
John Burk, Sgt.	Zebulon Allen, Centinel.
Joel Chapin.	Ichabod Warner.
Gardner Kellogg.	David Allen.
Jonathan Moody.	James Couch.
Aaron Field.	William White.

Muster Roll from October 19, 1756, to January 23, 1757, Aaron Field, John Severance, Elijah Sheldon, Ichabod Warner. They were engaged in scouting to the westward. A scouting party under command of Lt. Matthew Clesseon was out from March to April 25, 1756, among whom were Moses Scott, Sgt. and Amasa

Sheldon. May 31, 1764, the former made solemn oath that none had received any pay for the above scout. In 1756 John Burk was captain of a company at Fort Edward, mustered October 11. The same year Stephen Webster held a like position in the late intended expedition against Crown Point. This year Ezekiel Foster, Corporal, was out twenty days on the western frontier, likewise John Workman for twenty-three days. The latter was also out from June 27 to October, 1758. "Feb. 24, 1760, Ichabod Warner æ. 26, born in Lebanon, Ct., enlisted for the total reduction of Canada" (State Archives.) Capt. John Burk's enlistment roll, ending November 30, 1758, was as follows from Fall Town:

John Foster, Sgt.	John Burk, Lt.
Caleb Chapin.	John Severance.
James Couch.	Aaron Field.
David Rider.	Simeon Hall.
John Foster, Jr.	Rufus Sargeant.
Joel Chapin.	Zebulon Allen, Sgt.
John Foster.	Amasa Sheldon.
Joshua Wells.	Moses Scott.
Samuel Frizzell.	Wareham Smith.
Charles Coats.	Remembrance Sheldon.
Oliver Medcalf.	Ichabod Warner.
Michael Frizzell.	Elijah Sheldon.

Capt. Burk's company was one of 17 under command of Col. Jos. Frye. The regiment was composed of 1800 men.

*Major Burk.*—Major Burk also participated in the battle of Lake George, and the following letter to his wife gives an idea of the terrible experiences of Indian warfare.

"Lake Sacrament, now called Lake George, Sept. 11, 1755.

*Dear Wife:*—

I wrote to you yesterday, but was not allowed to say any more than that I was well, and that we have had a battle &c. The particulars of the engagement, I now send you by Capt. Wyman. On the 7 inst., our Indians discovered the track of a large body of the enemy east of us. On the eighth, Col. Williams with a Detachment 1000 strong, marched in pursuit, or to make discovery. They marched in the road 3 miles south, and being discovered by the enemy, (as we are told by the French General who is taken by us) were waylaid by 1800 French and Indians. The French lay on one side of the road on rising ground; the Indians on the other side in a swamp. Part of the french were regular troops: these lay south. Their



scheme was to let our men march quite to the south end of the ambush, the regular troops to give the first fire, then all to fire and rush out; which if they had done they would have cut our men all to pieces. But the general says that a beady Indian who was very eager, fired as soon as they entered the ambush. Then the enemy pursued and fired briskly, and having the advantage of the ground, obliged the men to retreat, which the French General says they did very regularly. We at the camp heard the guns: were not suffered to go out, but to make ready to receive the enemy, lest they should rout us and take our baggage, for we knew they retreated by the guns, (viz. our men.) The enemy drove on very furiously, but while they were coming we placed our cannon, felled trees, and rolled logs to make a breastwork all around the camp, but it was a poor defence. The regulars marched along the road 6 deep till they got near our camp, then all fired upon us and we upon them with cannon and small arms. They made a very smart push, but we stood firm, and I believe there never was such firing before and had not our cannon broke their regulars and affrighted their Indians, they might, perhaps, destroyed more of us if not taken the camp. The battle began between 10 and 11 and continued till between 5 and 6 afternoon at which time we were so hot upon them that they began to draw off. Our men pursued some way; we were so fast upon them that they left their dead and wounded on the spot. The enemy all drew off to where they ambuscaded our men at first. While we were engaged the people at the other fort at the carrying place heard our great guns, and sent 200 New Hampshire and New York men to relieve us. These met the enemy stripping our dead, engaged them smartly, drove them off the ground. They fought 3 hours, took 2 prisoners and 2 scalps. We have taken about 25 prisoners in all. One is the general of all the French forces in North America. Another officer called aid-de-camp who was stunned by a cannon-ball and lay till night, came in and surrendered himself. The French General is wounded in the knee and thigh, and like to recover. Some of the captives are dead, others very badly wounded. One is Mr. Thomas French's sisters son, cousin to Lue. He says that Lue was killed in the engagement. We have had a very smart battle, but got the victory. The French general says we have broke his army all to pieces. We have been out and buried our dead, and got a great deal of plunder, guns, blankets, provisions &c. We have lost some famous men in battle a \*list of which I send, belonging to our regiment, and also of the wounded and missing

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\* This list, if sent as above, must have been detached from the letter and long since lost.

as far as I am able. This is the best account I can get at present of the dead, wounded and missing. Let cousin Chapin know that her dear husband is certainly dead and buried. Joel and Hezekiah are well. I can sympathize with her for it is a great loss to me as we were friends and neighbors. Pray God to comfort her. Hope our friends and neighbors will not be disheartened at this news and so fail of coming to assist us. They that love their religion and liberty I hope will not fail to come to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Now is the time to exert ourselves.

P. S. I have wrote you in great haste, not so well as otherwise. I received a letter from you last night. Pray send as often as you can. The army is in high spirits. Hope we shall have Crown Point sooner or later. We have done a good job toward it.

Loving wife, since the scout is detained till to-morrow I add something more. Yesterday we buried on the road 136 dead corpses of ours; to-day 4 more. I believe about 15 or 20 were buried at the camp. Several of our Indians were killed. King Hendrick is killed. The day after battle every captain carried in an account of dead, wounded and missing. The whole of the dead and missing was 191 and about 224 wounded in our regiment. Since this account several are come in that were missing. Col. Titcom is killed. Capt. Regas is dead—killed. I mention those because some may know them. The account carried in was as followeth: Col. Williams' regiment 50. Col. Ruggle's regiment and others I must omit; I cannot find the account. The French general is a very great man, has been an old warrior in Flanders. He says his army consisted of some of the chief men in Canada, a great many of which are killed. The chief man that headed the army at Ohio against Braddock is killed here. This general had an exact account of all our proceedings, our numbers and chief officers and also a list of all his own troops and forces. Perhaps this may be of service to us. This is the best account I can send; it is not altogether perfect.

Your loving husband,

JOHN BURKE."

*Peace.*—Between the years 1755 and 1760 there are no existing records. About the latter date peace again reigned and the settlers resumed their wonted occupations, removing from the fort to their own homes so long deserted. In 1760 there were 25 families in town, located as follows: In district No. 1, Sgt. Joseph (?) Allen, Zebulon Allen, and Caleb Chapin; No. 2, Remembrance Sheldon, Joshua Wells (on Seorim Cushman's place), Lt. Rider, Sgt. John

Foster, Lt. Howe (on G. Kingsley's place), Capt. Scott and Mr. Frizzell; No. 3, Samuel Cunnable and James Couch; No. 4, Maj. Burk, Dr. Ezekiel Foster, Benjamin Green, (a settler that year); No. 5, Job. Wright, Joel, Hezekiah, Selah and David Chapin, Dea. Ebenezer Sheldon, Aaron Field, Lt. John Severance; No. 6, Capt. Amasa and Elijah Sheldon, Charles Coats and Moses Tute (spoken of elsewhere as "Old Tute.")

At one of the first meetings called after the inhabitants' return home the question of repairs came up. After so long a period of comparative disuse and neglect, bridges, roadways, &c., had unavoidably fallen to decay, hence committees were appointed to attend to all necessary repairs.

*Rev. Job Wright.*—Since the removal of Mr. Norton at the beginning of the Indian troubles, there had been no settled pastor, the pulpit being supplied as occasion presented. March 5, 1761, it was voted to extend a call to Rev. Job Wright of East Hampton and to offer him in addition to his regular salary of 66£ 13s. 8d. in money and 40 cords of firewood, the sum of 133£ 6s. 8d. The succeeding May the committee reported Mr. Wright's acceptance of the call and July 1, 1761, was chosen as the date of his ordination. One committee was appointed to provide entertainment for the expected visitors and another to carry and lay "3000 of board" in the galleries of the meeting house that people might "set with more conveniency." Although but 23 years of age at the time of his settlement, Mr. Wright's long pastorate proved his worthiness for his chosen profession. At its close, he remained in Bernardston, identifying himself closely with her interests, and in return recognized by her citizens as one of their most useful and honored residents.

*Petition for Town Government.*—Up to this time the territory including Bernardston, Leyden and a part of Colrain had been known as "Fall Town." Now the question of incorporation arose and speedily found many adherents, the settlers feeling that if they were invested with the privileges arising from such a form of government they would be materially benefited and taxes lightened. It had been found that the northern boundary of the township was an encroachment upon New Hampshire's territory (then including

the present State of Vermont), hence a belt a half mile in width had been surrendered to that State. Consequently the following petition for incorporation and an additional grant was presented to the General Court December 16, 1761.

"To His Excellency Francis Bernard Esq., Capt. General &c. To the Honorable his Majesties Council and House of Representatives.—

The Memorial of some of the proprietors of Fall town Humbly sheweth, that whereas the Proprietors of Fall town did in the year 1744 settle a Minister who was obliged to leave said town on account of ye War, and the said Proprietors did the last year settle another minister, which has been very heavy upon ye said proprietors your Memorialists therefore humbly pray that the Inhabitants of said Fall Town may be incorporated into a town by the name of Barnard and be invested with all the privileges of the rest of the Towns in this province and may be directed to raise their taxes and defray their charges as the rest of the towns do excepting a reasonable tax upon the unimproved lands for the present—and considering the large number of the proprietors in said Township, their great expense in settling two ministers, and a large tract of land falling into New Hampshire, your Memorialists humbly pray the proprietors of said Fall Town may have a tract of land granted to them to make them equal with other grantees of the government for service Done and Your petitioners shall as in duty bound ever pray &c.

Fall town Dec. 16, 1761.

EEENEZER SHELDON, JR.

JOHN SEVERANCE.

ELIJAH SHELDON.

JOSEPH ALLEN.

JOHN BURK.

DANIEL DEXTER.

JONATHAN ASHLEY.

"THOMAS WILLIAMS."

The Act for erecting the New Plantation called Fall Town, in the County of Hampshire, into a town by the name of Barnardstown was passed to be enacted in the House of Representatives and also in the Council on the fifth of March, 1762, and the next day March 6, it received the signature of Governor Bernard. Also a grant of 7544 acres was made, which land is now within the township of Florida, upon Hoosac Mountain.

Barnardstown now took its place beside other towns in the State and its first town meeting was called in the church on Tuesday,

May 11, 1762. Mr. Joseph Allen was chosen moderator. At an adjourned meeting, held 14 days later, these town officers were chosen:

Town Clerk, Maj. John Burk, (an office which he held 22 years.) Town Treasurer, Dea. Ebenezer Sheldon. Selectmen and Assessors, Maj. Burk, Moses Scott, Remembrance Sheldon. Constable, Aaron Field. Tithingman, Joseph Allen. Wardens, James Couch, Remembrance Sheldon. Surveyors of highway, David Ryder, Moses Scott, Samuel Hastings. Deer reaves, James Tute, Samuel Hastings. Hog reaves, Moses Scott, John Foster. Joel Chapin. Fence viewers, (for which office it was customary to choose the *tallest* men), Samuel Cunnable, Joel Chapin. Sealer of weights and measures, Sgt. John Severance.

At the second annual March meeting in 1763 the offices of surveyors of wheat, and of shingles and clapboards, were added with Joel Chapin, Lt. Sampson Howe, and Lt. Howe, with David Rider as the respective incumbents.

The next year a pound about 34 feet square was projected, but of its proposed location, or as to whether it was really built, there is nothing to determine. Upon it was to be expended 12 days' work and as much team work as was necessary.

A commendable order was at this time passed ensuring the preservation of all trees bordering the roads, and as we enjoy the many beautiful drives about our place ought we not to hold in grateful remembrance these many wise acts of our forefathers? Truly their deeds live after them!

In 1762 the townspeople petitioned the Legislature for relief from the Province tax. In the petition they give as reasons that the whole of the land under improvement was but 34 acres. Of the 20 years which had elapsed since the first settlements were made, 12 had been spent in warfare. The war began in 1744, when there were but 17 families in town, and proved very disastrous. May 6, 1746, Burk's Fort was attacked by a large party of Indians, there being but three soldiers within the fort at the time. They successfully defended it, however, till a man some 40 rods distant succeeded in giving the alarm to one farther away. The Indians seeing that their presence was discovered, quickly withdrew, leav-



ing two of their number mortally wounded. Maj. Burk was also slightly wounded near his shoulder blade. In 1747 Dea. Sheldon's house was burned, while at Lt. Sheldon's Fort, Eliakim, son of Lt. Sheldon, was shot by the Indians, 10 cattle were killed and all save two families fled the place. .

This petition portrays most vividly the hardships our progenitors experienced, about which we in our peaceful homes can hardly form an adequate idea. In 1764 it was voted that Maj. John Burk should represent the town in the General Court, and he accordingly went as Bernardston's first representative.

*John Burk's Commissions.*—Bernardston did well to thus honor one of her founders and one who had always done so much for her protection. He probably did "more for the improvement of the town and for advancing its reputation than any other man. He went through all the regular grades of military offices, from that of corporal to that of major. And let it be remembered a military title in those days was a mark of superiority." His first commission was as follows:

"Province of the Massachusetts Bay. (Seal.)

William Shirley Esq.—

Captain General and Governor in Chief in and  
over his Majesties Province of the Massachu-  
setts Bay in New England &c.

*To John Burk—Gentleman—Greeting:*

By Virtue of the Power and Authority in and by His Majesty's Royal Commission to Me granted to be Captain General &c. over this His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts Bay*, aforesaid I do, (by these presents) reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage and good Conduct, constitute and appoint You the said John Burk—to be Ensign of a Company of Volunteers for his Majesty's Service for the Defence of the Western Frontiers under the command of Capt. Phineas Stevans to be posted at the Fort called Number Four. \* \* \* \*

You are therefore carefully and diligently to Discharge the Duty of an Ensign. \* \* \* \*

in leading, Ordering and exercising said Company in Arms, both inferior officers and Soldiers, and to keep them in good order and Discipline; hereby commanding them to obey you as their Ensign ——— and yourself to observe and follow such Orders and Instructions as you shall from time



to time receive from Me as the Commander in Chief for the time being, or rather, your Superior Officers for His Majesty's Service, according to Military Rules and Discipline, Pursuant to the Trust reposed in you.

Given under My Hand and Seal at Arms at Boston, the first Day of March ——— In the twenty first Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Second, Anno; Domini 1747.

W. SHIRLEY.

By His Excellency's  
Command.

J. Willard, Secr'y."

In 1748, Major Burk participated in what is known as "Hobb's fight," a severe skirmish which occurred on Sunday, June 26, between the Indians and a scouting party of about thirty under command of Capt. Melven. This contest took place some 35 miles from Fort Dummer, up West River, (Vt.) and lasted several hours, "man to man as it were—each one relying upon his personal skill to hide himself behind trees and logs, and to kill the Indians, who were finally compelled to retreat." There were three men killed and four wounded. Zebulon Allen of Bernardston was also in this affray, at that time holding the office of Sergeant.

His second commission appointed him "an Ensign in the fort Company in Fall Town under the Command & Ebenezer Sheldon Jun. is Lieutenant in the northern Regiment of Militia in the County of Hampshire whereof Israel Williams Esq., is Colonel," and is dated Aug. 14, 1754, signed by W. Shirley, Governor.

His third commission, dated the 10th of the next September appointed him "Ensign of the forces raised and posted at Greenfield and Fall Town in the Regiment of Militia under the Command of Col. Israel Williams."

March 29, 1755, he was commissioned as "Capt; Lieutenant of a company of foot under the command of Col. Ephraim Williams being part of the forces raised within the Province for the defence and protection of his Majesties territories from the encroachments of the French at Crown Point and upon the Lake Iroquois — commonly called by the French, Lake Champlain — and for removing the encroachments already made thereof which forces Col. Williams is Commander in Chief."

It was during his service in this campaign that he wrote the let-

ter already given. From his diary is extracted the following, which will still further show the demands made upon soldiers at this time :

JOHN BURK'S DIARY.

*" Thursday, 31st. (1755)* I was ordered up the river with about 30 men to see what I could discover, but saw nothing. Tarried still at Saratoga. Our men went out to Saratoga Fort and dug out of the earth 1114 cannon ball. The men, about 300, went up the river to make the road. I tarried in the camp.

*Friday, Aug. 1st.* The army all moved to the second falls above Saratoga, 4 miles. We drew the Batteaux up the first falls, load and all; it was fatiguing, but the men worked like lions, some to the neck in water. We had about 180 batteaux. This day the men had half a pint of rum more than the allowance.

*Saturday, 2nd.* We tarried at the falls and got our batteaux in the river. The Dutch came up with 32 wagons, carried all our provisions by, and some tents. Our guard that went up the river to make ready, saw 4 or 5 Indians.

*Sunday, 3rd.* We moved to carrying place, Col. Lydies' house, about 45 miles from Albany. It rained hard this night: some provisions got wet.

*Monday, 4th.* I was ordered to attend the court, which adjourned to this day. It was adjourned again to Friday next in the afternoon. I was ordered with 5 men to scout round the camps, but made no discovery.

*Tuesday, 5th.* I was ordered to take 9 men and go to the Lake Sacrament. Lieut. May, Ensign Stratton and Ensign Stevens went to make the number. As we marched we saw 3 deer, 1 bear, and an old mare and a wolf, which was at the lake. We came a little back from the lake and camped.

*Wednesday, 6th.* We returned to our camps, brought in an old mare, picked some huckleberries, brought some to General Lyman. Made no discovery; got back by 3 o'clock. This day the man confined for sodomy was whipped 100 stripes and drummed out of the company.

*Thursday, 7th.* I tarried in the camps. The men got timber for a store house and bark to cover it, &c. A scout was sent to the drowned land, at the place called by the Dutch *Ziahorter*.

*Friday, 8th.* Tarried at the camp; help about the fort. Captain Patterson set out for Wood Creek with 30 men. He was ordered to go to the mouth of the creek.

*Saturday, 9th.* I tarried at the camps; worked at drawing lumber, &c. The scout that went for the drowned land returned, but did not find it.

*Sunday, 10th.* We work at fortifying our company; set up 15 foot of stockades. Mr. Williams preached two sermons. The scout returned from Wood Creek; they saw signs of Indians, viz. a piece of bread stuck up in the path. Maj. Hoar and Lieut. Nixon set out for Albany.

*Monday, 11th.* I help get some timber. I tarried at the camps. A scout set out for Crown Point, another for the South Bay, and another for Lake Sacrament. The two last returned. They reported that they saw Indians, but upon examination it was their own men. Some men went to Saratoga, to kill some Dutch cattle.

*Tuesday, 12th.* I tarried at the camp and help get timber. Some went to clear roads. The men that went to Saratoga returned, brought some beef, and brought news that the rest of the army was coming near by.

*Wednesday, 13th.* I tarried at the camps; went over on the island afternoon to get gate timber. General Lyman had an express from Gov. Fitch, and some newspapers which gave an account of the death of Gen. Braddock, and that the army was defeated.

*Thursday, 14th.* Gen. Johnson, Col. Titcom, and Col. Williams, with a great number of forces, came to the carrying place, with some Indians and 20 cannon, 2 of which were thirty-two pounders, and a great many wagons. The general was waited upon with a number of men, and on his arrival saluted by the officers and the discharge of field pieces. Connecticut boys and Rhode Island all came.

*Friday, 15th.* A council was held; it was determined to send for more men to join us at our head quarters. Little or no work done this day. A scout from Crown Point returned; no news.

*Saturday, 16th.* I tarried at the camps; did little or nothing. A scout came from Fort Massachusetts. I heard from home.

*Sunday, 17th.* I was ordered by Gen. Johnson to scout, with 11 men and 7 indians, to the Lake Sacrament. Capt. Passore, bound for the So. Bay, with 30 or 40 white men and 6 Indians, marched 4 miles with us, and turned off. I marched 10 miles. Connecticut and New York forces arrived with women; a man was drowned.

*Monday, 18th.* We marched to the Lake; made no discovery of an enemy. Six of the Indians went farther westward. We sat out from the lake at one o'clock, and got home before dark.

*Tuesday, 19th.* Tarried in the camps; did nothing. A general Court martial was held. Gen. Lyman, Cols. Ruggels, Williams, Goodrich, were ordered to be ready to meet at all hours.

*Wednesday, 20th.* Tarried at the camps. A general court martial was held in trial of Lieut. Noble and others. Capt. Ayres began to dig a trench. A great number was employed at digging.

*Thursday 21st.* Tarried in camp. Saw Nelly and Polly, in great taking for the women,—were all ordered away. Five Indians of the Six Nations came from Canada. General court martial. About 120 men employed digging in the trenches. The Indians brought news from Canada, that 17 ships were at Quebec, 600 regulars; that 8000 were expected at Crown Point, 300 out.

*Friday, 22nd.* I tarried at the camp. A council sat; determined to go by Lake Sacrament. I sent a letter to my wife. Trenching yet, sawing boards.

*Saturday, 23rd.* Four hundred men were ordered to go upon the road; I went pilot. Cleared 6 miles. The women were sent to Albany. When they went off there was a great huzza. Trenching and sawing with whip-saw yet.

*Sunday, 24th.* I was not well; I had a bad cold. Kept in the tent all day. Mr. Williams preached two sermons. A number of men went upon the road. Some Indians came to us; informed of more coming. Lieut. Noble read his acknowledgment before the assembly.

*Monday, 25th.* I tarried at home in the camps. A scout sent to Fort Massachusetts,—Serg. Avery, who was one ordered to Deerfield. I wrote to my wife. Trenching and sawing and making a powder house. All going forward briskly.

*Tuesday, 26th.* Gen. Johnson, Cols. Ruggels, Williams, Goodrich's regiments, and some Rhode Island and York forces, about 1500 men and 200 wagons, marched forward for Lake Sacrament. March 6 miles and camped.

*Wednesday, 27th.* We all marched 4 miles and camped. We had some clearing and large causeways to make this day.

*Thursday, 28th.* We cleared the road 10 miles; got to the lake. The men worked very hard this day. One of the men found a gun and Indian pack.

*Friday, 29th.* Went to clearing by the lake, making a causeway, &c. The wagons returned for more stores. About 20 Indians came to us.

*Saturday, 30th.* I was made captain of the guard. *Hendrick*, with about 170 Indians, came to us, they were saluted with a round of guns, and the men all drew up to receive them. The clearing went off briskly. One man killed, 1 taken, 3 escaped. They were keeping cattle at the great carrying place.

*Sunday, 31st.* A number of wagons and cannon came up, guarded by the Rhode Islanders and Yorkers. Clearing carried on still. At night the Indians had a great dance.

*Monday, Sept. 1st.* Capt. Porter, with some Indians marched to the So. Bay to intercept the enemy that did some mischief. Some canoes were seen by our Indians up the lake. I tarried by the camp and cleared for tenting. Alarm at night; a sentry shot at a horse.

*Tuesday, 2nd.* Capt. Porter and men returned. The Indians marched forward. Five Indians that went out five days ago, that went to the carrying place at the north end of lake, saw 15 of the enemy. Could not come to speech. Our scout returned from Fort Massachusetts. I tarried at the camps. Moved our tents.

*Wednesday, 3rd.* Gen. Lyman, Col. Titcomb, Col. Gilbert came to us at Lake George. Some Indians came and joined us. It is said that they came 1100 miles. I tarried the camps. 3 Indians went a scalping to Crown Point.

*Thursday, 4th.* I was ordered to go up the lake with Capt. Stoddard and Capt. Ingersoll, and 3 other white men to carry 3 Indians, who were going to Lake West, and we sailed 15 miles. Landed the Indians; returned by 11 at night. Began to build a fort.

*Friday, 5th.* I was very bad with a cold; tarried at the camps. No news this day.

*Saturday, 6th.* I went to get a cask out of the store-house, &c. Heard that eight or nine of the sick were dead at the other forts. Batteaux, stores, daily coming up. Fort building, scows making.

*Sunday, 7th.* A scout of Indians came in who have been to Crown Point, and inform us that they saw as they returned the signs of a large army marching south in 3 files; designed as they suppose, for our fort, at great carrying place. A man who was thought to have deserted was found dead at the other fort; killed by the fall of a tree it is supposed.

*Monday, 8th.* Col. Williams was sent out with 1000 men in search of the enemy; determined to march toward the south bay. They marched so in the road 3 miles, when they were waylaid by the enemy and fired upon. The enemy having the advantage of the ground, obliged our men to retreat to the camps; killed and wounded a great many by the way. The enemy made a very smart attack upon the camps, but we stood ground and drove them back. Took the general and aid de-camp, and about 25 prisoners. New Hampshire and york men at the other fort, at the carry-



ing place, heard the great guns, came up and met the enemy stripping our dead; drove them from the ground and took 2 prisoners. They fought them three hours, and we fought them from between 10 and 11 till between 6 and 7 afternoon. No such battle before in North America.

*Tuesday, 9th.* About 300 we sent out to bury the dead. I went with them. The men forward took a start, ran back; were stopped by the officers. Found it too late to do the business. Returned to the camps, brought one wounded man of ours, a great deal of plunder, &c.

*Wednesday, 10th.* We went out again, buried 136 dead of ours, and some French. Brought in a great deal of plunder and French provisions, and one of our wounded, a scout from the other fort and from Hoosuck, Capt. Wyman. I sent a letter to my wife. All a-fortifying at the camps. Col. Willard, Capt. Symers, came up with a number of wagons with provisions, &c. The wagoners went back, the Indians went off home. A great number of men went plundering; found a great deal. Buried 4 more of our men."

Major Burk was also present at the surrender of Fort William Henry, August 10, 1757, escaping from that massacre clad only in his "deer skin breeches and his watch," while his reported losses included 328£ 8s. continental currency, (or about \$50), and a "Tobacco box, 1 pound."

His fifth commission appointed him "Lieutenant of the Forces posted at Fall Town, Colrain, Charlemont, Northfield, Greenfield, Hunts Town, Pontoosuck and Stockbridge under Israel Williams, Esq, (who has the Chief Command of the Forces in the Western Frontier.") This paper was dated June 5th, 1758, and was signed by T. Pownall, Governor, and Thos. Clark, Depty. Secy.

His next commission appointed him "Captain of a Company in a Regiment of Foot whereof Brigadeer General Timothy Ruggles is Colonel, raised by me to be employed in his Majesties Service the ensuing Campaign," dated March 31st, 1759. His seventh commission appointing him Major is as follows:

"Province of the  
Massachusetts Bay.  
Seal.

Thomas Pownall Esq.  
Captain General and Governor  
in Chief, in and of His Majesties  
Province of the Massachusetts Bay  
in New England and Vice Admiral  
of the Same &c.



*To John Burk Esq. Greeting.*

By Virtue of the Power and Authority in and by His Majesty's Royal Commission to Me granted to be Captain General &c. over this His Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts Bay aforesaid I do by these Presents (reposing especial Trust and Confidence in Your Loyalty, courage and good conduct) constitute and appoint You the said John Burk ——— to be Major of the First Batallion of a Regiment whereof Timothy Ruggles Esq. is Colonel.

You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of a Major in leading ordering and exercising said Regiment in Arms both inferior Officers and Soldiers and to keep them in good order and Discipline and they are hereby Commanded to obey you as their Major and you are yourself to observe and follow Such Orders and Instructions as you Shall from time to time recieve from the General and commander in Chief of His Majesties Forces in North America I your Colonel or rather your Superior Officer, according to the Rules and Discipline of War in pursuance of the Trust hereby reposed in you. ———

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Boston the day of February In the thirty third Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Second, Anno. Domini, 1760.

T. POWNALL.

By His Excellency's  
Command.  
A. Olliver, Sec."

The original of the first, fifth, sixth and seventh commissions are in the possession of the "Cushman Library" at Bernardston and the others were presented by Gov. Cushman to the American Antiquarian Society at Worcester, Mass.

Such is the military record of Major John Burk prior to the Revolution. In that crisis he was "ever a firm and unwavering friend of his country, and by his influence did much in our glorious struggle for liberty. \* \* He was a man of a sound, discriminating mind, of good education for the times, — a judicious politician — a practical christian — one of the pillars of the church, and a man much beloved in private life. In short, as a man, as a soldier, as a statesman, and as a Christian he was eminent. And what higher eulogium can be pronounced upon any man?"

## CHAPTER IV.

ROADS—VOTES RELATIVE TO ROADS AND BRIDGES—BRIDGES—MILLS  
—TAVERNS — STAGES—RAILROAD — INDUSTRIES — SHOE-SHOPS —  
SNATH-SHOPS — LIME-QUARRIES — BLACKSMITHS — STONE-WORK —  
ROPE-WORK — TAILORS — HARNESS-MAKING — DISTILLERIES — CUT-  
LERY—STORES.

*Highways.*—As in all places settled during the colonial period, so here the first roads were little more than mere bridle paths through the forest. The proprietors, when they came, were upon the very frontiers of civilization, and of necessity their attention centered upon their homes and the means of subsistence. Later more time was given to the consideration of other matters, hence, after a few years, we find mention made in the records of their annual meetings, of their roadways.

In the early settlement of the place, the inhabitants were located principally upon the river, north from the present iron bridge, north-east onto Huckle Hill, east to the Lt. Sheldon Fort, later known as the "Purple Place." Why the Hill should have been chosen as a site for the Meeting House, or seemed especially desirable for a home location, it might, perhaps, seem difficult to understand, unless because a path from Greenfield, or Deerfield, as the territory was then called, was here laid out. A retrospective glance toward the colonial history of most towns in Massachusetts suggests striking similarities, showing that very often upon the highest ground were the first buildings erected. This may be tracable to two causes; protection from the dampness of the more marshy lowlands, and a greater degree of security from the Indians. Upon the river, the superiority of the land and its ready adaptability to their needs, doubtless had its influence. Therefore we find that the earliest roads were in these sections of the town, seemingly following no prescribed plan other than to pass by the dwellings of the inhabitants.





No known plan of these early roads is in existence. In the Massachusetts State Archives, Vol. 12, p. 1, is this plan protracted Mch. 26, 1795. It would almost appear that this was a State paper prepared with especial reference to the location of the churches, inasmuch as many roads known to have been then laid out are not therein delineated. The votes taken regarding the early roads are here given at length, inasmuch as they tend to show, not only the location of the roads, but also who were the families in town, and, to a certain extent, the places of their habitation.

Probably the first recorded action on highways was in 1740, when it was ordered that highways be laid out wherever the committee should deem it advisable. The old "King's Highway" was presumably the first road and ran from the Burk Fort east, the river being forded, through a portion of the lot known now as the "Town Farm" to Deacon Sheldon's Fort upon Huckle Hill. Thence a road ran south-east to the Lt. Sheldon Fort. Some of the other earlier ones were from Lt. Sheldon's, in the east part of the town, to the sawmill, probably what was called the county road; a part of the way this nearly concurred with the present Northfield road, one of the exceptions being that it ran around by the place now owned by Mr. George Parmenter. Other roads ran from the county road by the sawmill to Simeon Hall's; from the sawmill to Sg. Allen's; from Moses Scott's to Deacon Sheldon's; from Samuel Hastings', probably on Huckle Hill, to Dry Brook; from the county road to Amasa Sheldon's; from Benjamin Green's southward; from Deerfield to Colrain (which road passed through Fall Town), from or near Major Burk's north as far as Samuel Connable's. The first road to Greenfield ran nearly parallel with the present main road, but further to the east, down by Mr. P. L. Cushman's, and is to-day known as the "Back Road to Greenfield," or "Lamp-black Street."

In 1764 it was voted that a road be laid out from the bridge by the sawmill to Lt. Sheldon's; from house lot No. 16 down by Moses Scott's house; that the road from the bridge to Lt. Sheldon's be established; that the road laid from the county road by the sawmill to Simeon Hall's be a town road.

Dec. 31, 1765, voted that Moses Scott, Deacon Sheldon, Major



Burk, David Rider, Amasa Sheldon, be a committee for the preservation of timber on the several roads in town.

1766. Among the existing roads at this date were those from Moses Scott's to Sgt. John Severances'; Samuel Hastings' to Daniel Slate's; The country (county?) road to Amasa Sheldon's; the sawmill east to the country road; the sawmill to Joseph Slate's and Sgt. Allen's; Deerfield to Colrain; road to the west part of the town; road to Elijah Sheldon's lot, above the Fairweather farm; from the country road the west side of Fall River to Ichabod Warner's.

1767. Road from James Couch's to Michael Frizzell's lot, No. 73, 1st division, be confirmed; from the sawmill to Joseph Slate's, and thence toward Sgt. Allen's, be confirmed as far as the "slow at the swamp;" from the south-east corner of Simeon Hall's lot, No. 80, 1st division, up to the Province line.

1769. Road by Simeon Hall's up to Thomas Wooley's and from this road down to Ichabod Warner's house be confirmed.

1770. Road from David Ryder's corner of the garden fence down to ye road that comes from the sawmill; from the corner of the garden fence west 25 degrees S. 58 rods to Daniel Dexter's lot; from the north-east corner of Ezekiel Foster's house to the south line of Benjamin Green's land.

1771. Road across Aaron Field's and Thomas Gilley's lot, then across Dry Brook, and so up sd Dry Brook to Samuel Hastings' north lot, then up by west end of said Hastings' lot and the west end of Daniel Slate's lot to Elias Parmenter's lot.

1774. To confirm road up to David Smalley's and so to David Page's land; to confirm the road from Nehemiah Andros's log-house up to his lot, through David Rider and William Fox's land, sd Rider to have \$4.00, and wood on road through his land; confirm the road to Ichabod Warner's viz., from Simeon Hall's to Province line; to Moses Smith's land so as to leave Samuel Ellis's house one half a rod to the west of the road; to build a bridge over Fall River on the road from Major Burk's to the meeting house, to be done out of the highway work, Major Burk, David Rider and Moses Scott to be a committee to build said bridge; voted that all the men that live north of the north-west branch of Fall River shall be



allowed to do their quota of highway work towards building a bridge over said branch on these terms: that Hophni Rider will give two days' work; Ichabod Warner, four days; Simeon Hall, two days; Jacob Orcutt, one day; Samuel Cunnable, Jr., one day; David Smalley, two days' work toward building said bridge and if above mentioned work does not finish it, it must ly by till further order. Voted that John Burk, Moses Scott and Remembrance Sheldon be a committee to determine where Benjamin Green, Jr., shall build a house on the sawmill yard, and what he shall give for the land if they think there is room for a house and not incommode the mill yard.

1776. To confirm the road from the slab bridge across Dry Plain to the road west of Samuel Hale's. It comes into said road at the bridge, a little north of Samuel Hale's house.

1777. To confirm the road going by Joshua Wells' house to the Guilford line.

1779. To confirm the road laid from the south line of the town east of Lemuel Robbins' house, and so north to the pole bridge on Dr. Cushman's land.

1786. That a road be laid out from Zebulon Allen's west to Leyden; also from Ichabod Warner's to the sawmill yard.

1789. To lay a road across Fall River from the road on the east side to the road on the west side, just north of Daniel Loomis'; to build a bridge across James Couch's brook, where the county road is laid.

1803. To discontinue the road from Tute Hollow, so called, by the Casey house to the Gill line.

1811. To discontinue the road from Dry Brook to Deacon Snow's.

1814. Voted to procure five scrapers and that it be left with the surveyors to purchase them.

Prior to the Revolution an act was passed which in some degree anticipated the work of the modern rural clubs and improvement societies, inasmuch as by it all were prohibited from cutting any trees located within the bounds of the highway. Had it not have been for this wise regulation, some of our most attractive drives might, probably would, have been despoiled of much of their nat-

ural beauty. The improvements on the roads have been continuous, and to-day, go where you will about the town, they are found to be in excellent condition, and conceded to be among the best to be found in the county. Winding in and out, following the trend of river and brook, between and over the mountains, prettily wooded in many places, well shaded a greater portion of the way, one needs but a soul in harmony with Nature to deeply appreciate the ever changing panorama with which the eye is constantly greeted on a drive about our beautiful town.

*Bridges.*—One of the first, if not *the* first bridge to be built in town, was across Fall River, near or on the site of the present iron structure at the village. In 1740, Caleb Chapin, John Hitchcock and Josiah Scott were chosen to build a bridge "near the sawmill." Later on, in 1744, the committee upon bridge-building was Gershem Hawks, Ebenezer Sheldon, Jr., Moses Scott, Noah Wright, John Burk and Peter Newcomb. Probably the first bridge was built under the direction of one or both of these committees. In the Connable Genealogy, mention is made of three bridges being constructed across Fall River by Samuel Connable, one of the first settlers. The first, built in 1741, was the first in town, the second, in 1750, and a third in 1760, located near the sawmill.

During the period of the Indian wars, and the subsequent comparative desertion of the town, ruin and decay became apparent on all sides. Upon the dawn of peace in 1760, the settlers returning, devoted their attention to the restoration of order, and Samuel Connable and Moses Scott were chosen to rebuild the bridge, the price agreed upon being 27£ (\$90.00.) For this sum they were to pitch the timbers above water mark and take any further precautions which would render it more durable. About 1780 it became evident that further repairs, or possibly a reconstruction of this structure, must be soon forthcoming, and March 3, 1783, it was decreed that the bridge should be made 12 feet in width between the posts, that it should be "what is called a Hook Bridge and planked with sawed planks for a covering 3 inches thick."

March 7, 1774, it was voted to build a bridge on the road from "Major Burk's to the Meeting House," which has been since known as the "Burk Bridge." Hitherto the river at this point had been forded. Now a substantial iron bridge spans the river.

In 1800 there is mention made of repairing the old bridge across Fall River near Dr. Ryther's sawmill. In 1774 there was one also to be built across the north-west branch of Fall River upon the site of the one now near the home of Mr. A. C. Brown. The 26th of the December following, it was voted to build a part of the bridge over Fall River, on the Greenfield line, provided that Greenfield will build their part, the building to be done the ensuing summer. Presumably this plan was not then put into execution, from the fact that July 26, 1781 — seven years later — it was voted to "Raise the sum of 4£ 10s. to pay the master workman for framing this town's part of the bridge at the Iron Works, and to purchase rum for the raising of the Bridge." The iron works here referred to occupied a position near or on the site of E. S. Hurlbert's factory, the territory being upon what was then the boundary line between Bernardston and Greenfield. This bridge was once the scene of what would have, in the majority of cases, proven a serious accident. In April, 1797, as Mr. Consider Cushman, with a cart, yoke of oxen and a horse, was crossing the structure, the sleepers gave way, precipitating Mr. Cushman and his teams into the stream some 15 to 20 feet below, amid the fallen timbers. In an almost miraculous manner Mr. C. and his animals escaped unhurt, and his cart was found to be intact. So says Lt. Gov. Cushman, who also adds that Bethan Dickinson was an eye witness of the affair, and that P. L. Cushman, 1st., soon appeared with proffered assistance. The bridge was not immediately repaired, and the next August the remainder was swept away by the "August Flood." This flood caused much devastation along the course of the river. Heavy and prolonged rains quickly raised the waters, converting them, for the time being, into a most turbulent torrent, and so suddenly did this rise occur that in some cases it is said that cattle were surrounded and carried off, while the mills and bridges from the source to the mouth of the river were, almost without exception, swept away. This is the only occasion upon which damage to so great an extent has been wrought by our ordinarily peaceful stream. The bridges were soon rebuilt and about 1870, the wooden bridge across the river at the village was replaced by the present substantial iron one. At the north part of the town, across Newcomb brook, iron has also superseded the wood, and, without doubt, as the older

bridges yield to time and decay, the stronger and more durable material will come into even more general use.

*Mills.*—The proprietors of this township early recognized the advantages to be derived from the water power in their possession, hence we find this note in the record of their second meeting, held October 6, 1736, at the home of Mr. Stebbins at Northampton: "Att ye same Time itt was Voted that the Committee shall take effectual care In Laying Sd Home Lotts out that they preserve and not Lay out any Stream or Place or Places sutuble and sufficient to set any mill or mills upon, but that they may be preferved for ye Good and benefit of ye Proprietes and so be att their disposition."

Further action was taken at a meeting held May 5, 1737, as follows: Messrs. Ichabod Allice, Jonathan Hoit, Samuel Field, Ebenezer Sheldon and Benjamin Munn were chosen a committee to "Take effectual care there be a saw-mill erected in sd place speedily upon ye Falls In Fall River In That Place upon sd River between where ye entervail or Meddow land Is, or Lyeth upon sd River and yt the Man or Men ye committee agree with to Sett up sd Mill Shall have ye sole benefitt of ye sd streem half a mile up sd River from ye Middle Falls in sd River for ye benefit of ye Proprietors, for a sawmill and a grist mill, and that no man shall erect or sett up any mill or dams; viz. either saw or grist mill below ye Mill or Mills the man or men The sd Proprietary committee shall agree with so near his sd mill or mills so as any way to demnifie him In ye Improvement of his sd Mills." In October ensuing, it was voted to raise the sum of 40£, the same to be applied toward the erection of the sawmill, and the above mentioned committee were empowered to agree with Joseph Mitchell, or some other person to undertake the work, the succeeding summer. A grist mill was likewise projected, to cover the cost of which a tax of 10s. a person was imposed. The saw mill was the first to be completed, but at what date there is nothing upon record to show. We may suppose that the committee having the matter in hand executed their commission promptly. That some portion of the work was speedily accomplished is shown by the entry made June 13, 1799, when the statement was made that certain meadow



lands were overflowed because of the mill dam having been constructed ; those whose property was thus inundated were granted the privilege of making an exchange for any undivided lands they might prefer, the said exchange to be made at their own expense. Whether any availed themselves of this opportunity is unknown. This mill was located just south of the present iron bridge, and occupied that position until about 1870. Among the later owners was Job Goodale, who leased the property to his son-in-law, Zebina Newcomb. September 15, 1879, the Newtons of Holyoke bought and shipped away all the mill machinery from this old sawmill, and the building itself was torn down the next month.

At intervals the grist mill project was agitated, but with no definite results until March 6, 1775, when Samuel Connable built a "Corn Mill" upon the north-west branch of Fall River. At a much later date one was put in and run in connection with Mr. Goodale's sawmill.

The second sawmill was built on the Newcomb brook by Captain John Connable, and in the raising of the same he had only the assistance of his daughter Molly, and the "Old White Mare." This location is connected in a most vivid manner with the Indian terrors experienced by the older town of Deerfield, inasmuch as near here one of the Deerfield captives—an infant—was most cruelly thrown down into the gorge, thus meeting its death at the hands of its captors, they being en route to Canada. On this brook was a shop owned and operated by Solomon Newcomb and located about a half mile above the Connable mill. Here was made almost all articles for domestic use, from turned woods, such as churns, cheese presses, chairs, &c.

A short distance below the Connable mill stood the gin distillery. Into this Ezra Newcomb put gearing and started a saw and shingle mill. He sold to Ralph Cushman, and he, in turn, to George Thompson. The latter sold the gearing to Sheldon Wright and Gaines Green, who, later, transferred it to a mill which they had built on Branch brook, near Galusha Newton's farm. The mill was sold about 1846-8 to Zenas Cutler, who took down the building, moved it to his place, and transformed it into a barn and hop house.

The waters of West Branch turned the mill wheels owned by



Socrates Sheldon, who finally sold his interests to Oliver and Rugles Bagg. Huckle Hill's representative in this industry was John, son of Deacon Daniel Slate, who, about 1840 or 1845, built a sawmill on Dry Brook; this only had an existence of two or three years. At about the same time, Stephen Gore built another on Burk Flat, which was successively sold to Joseph Cheeny, Col. Aretas Ferry, Henry Park and Lucius M. Weatherhead. It is now owned by a Mr. Welcome and is one of the two still running. George Alexander had a sawmill on the brook north of P. L. Cushman's fish-pond, the dam being where the present one is.

In the west part of the town, upon Mill brook, Increase Sumner Hale owned and operated a sawmill. As the weight of years bore heavily upon him, his son, Hartly, succeeded to its management and removed it to a position opposite the depot, utilizing steam as motive power, and combining with this a gristmill. Later another change was made, purchasing in 1880 the mill site and power of the mill formerly owned and operated by Chauncey Slate, whose mill had been burned. Here a good water power was available and Mr. Hale steadily increased his business, finally removing his sawmill to this location. These mills were sold from his estate to Chas. Barber, by whom they were operated until destroyed by fire July 22, 1899. Upon this site he has erected a sawmill which is now operated by John Chapin. The grist mill was built on the west side of the road, fitted out with all modern improvements, a large elevator built in, the power being transmitted from the river by cables. To the milling business he has added trade in flour, grains and coal.

These mills, in connection with the one now owned by Mr. Welcome two miles north, are the only ones which check the ceaseless flow of the streams in their oceanward course.

*Taverns.*—To one inclined to make close inquiry regarding the establishment and ready adaptability of houses of public entertainment for different purposes, in former times, many interesting facts are revealed. Not only did they serve to provide accommodations for the travelling public, but also as a place for keeping relays of horses upon the various stage routes, as a convenient place of assemblage, at which all the absorbing topics of the day were

discussed, and the town, lacking other suitable public buildings, as a place in which to hold their annual meetings. Certainly the old time taverns in this place were used for these very purposes. And who that has read Irving's *Rip Van Winkle*, does not recall the peaceful scene there depicted—the venerable white-haired, white-bearded old man, sitting calmly smoking beneath the spreading branches of the old tree by the village inn, either with the children by his side or else discussing the political situation? And having read, who is there so lacking in imagination as not to be able to see just such scenes re-enacted under the spreading branches of the fine old trees about the old Chase Tavern at North Bernardston, or at the New England House at the village? Trees, noble specimens of their kind, which have been mute witnesses of scenes, peaceful and warlike, joyful and sorrowful! Trees lending to the place a charm of their own and inseparably associated with the places in memory!

As early as 1760, Elijah (or Elisha) Sheldon, kept a tavern near Huckle Hill and this, no doubt, was the first one here. Upon the farm now owned by the Frizzell Bros., and near the site of Burk Fort, Major John Burk kept, in 1763, a tavern, which fact was announced by a shield shaped sign, having painted upon its centre a decanter and glasses, while large letters surrounding this design declared that here was provided "Entertainment for Man and Beast. John Burk." This sign was preserved and by Mr. Richard H. Hoyt presented to the P. V. M. A. of Deerfield, and can now be seen in the Society room. This hotel was a part of the original Burk Fort, it having been removed from its first location and a front built on.

In the house now owned by Mr. Abbott Brown in North Bernardston is recognized what was for years known as the "Connable Tavern." For many years this house was kept by Mr. Brown's maternal grand-parent, Capt. Jonathan Connable, and was presumably opened to the public about the year 1800. A half mile further north, and the same distance south from the Vermont line, stands the old "Chase Tavern," long used as a post for changing horses upon the Brattleboro stage route. This had a number of owners, among others being a Mr. Root, son of Major Root, Col. Wright of South

Deerfield, Rufus Chase and his son Sanford, Sage Newcomb and his son-in-law Ford, and lastly Mr. E. C. Newton. Since about 1882 the house has been closed to the public and is now occupied as a private dwelling. About 1795 Ruel Willard came from Greenfield to live upon his landed estates. He returned to Greenfield, and again in 1805 removed to Bernardston to his farm and tavern stand, where he died May 24, 1806, æt. 54. This was located on or near the place owned by the late Frederic Chapin.

The present hotel, the "New England House" at the village, had its beginning near the opening of the nineteenth century, when it was kept by Major Webster, who sold it to P. L. Cushman, who was the proprietor many years. Among those who succeeded him were Lt. Gov. Cushman, John N. Purple, P. L. Cushman, 2nd, from 1847 to 1850, and Willard Owen. The latter gentleman was born July 10, 1820, died November 29, 1892, and his body brought back to Bernardston for burial. For some time the stand was kept by Eli C. Fox, who sold in April, 1864, to Isaac P. Morrison of Brooklyn, N. Y. The October following it was purchased by Mr. John Sanderson and Col. Ferry and by them leased in December of that year to William Bascom. Succeeding the last named as lessees were Henry C. Denham and Joseph Scott. The later lessees have been Mr. O. C. Allen, who assumed control in November, 1879, and by whom it was most successfully conducted for about 10 years, and Mr. H. Taintor. About 1888 or 1890, the property was sold to Frederick K. Clough and was leased by him to Mr. Frank Turner. The present owner and proprietor is Mr. R. B. Reed, who came here from Vernon, Vt. He has taken a deal of professional pride in refitting the house throughout with all modern conveniences to be found in large places and the same spirit of improvement has been displayed in the barns and ice houses. The large and rapidly growing number of patrons from surrounding towns bears ample testimony to the luxurious cuisine and service there provided. The town is to be congratulated upon having one of the best hotels in Franklin County.

*Stages and Railroad.*—The first means of conveyance succeeding the primitive method of horse back riding, was by stages, the advent of which was hailed as a marked advancement. The appear-





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ance of the stage was the signal for an unwonted activity, and when it is considered that all communication with the outside world came through this avenue, can it prove after all, a source of wonder? In the thirties, the stage line between Greenfield and Brattleboro, passing through Bernardston, was operated by Asher Spencer, a resident of Greenfield. He had what was designated as the "Telegraph" or fast line, carrying the through New York mail northward. On this line it was required that seven miles an hour be covered, no account or allowance being made for inclement weather or the poor condition of the roads. For failure in this direction a forfeiture of \$100.00 was exacted. For this service the best of horse flesh was procured and special coaches made in Albany, N. Y., were used. The drivers were only allowed to carry six inside passengers and an extra charge was made for travel. The ordinary coach line was running, in addition to the "Telegraph" line and by far the largest part of the travel was done by means of the latter. The usual rates of transportation were about five cents a mile. In summer there were three stages daily each way; during the winter but two.

This was the manner in which we must imagine our ancestors travelling up to the year 1846. At this date the Connecticut River, now the Boston and Maine, railroad, was opened, passing through Bernardston, and from thence the stage was an institution of the past. This railroad is the only one passing through the place and its excellent service is fully appreciated by its patrons.

*Industries.*—Bernardston has always been, and probably will be, essentially an agricultural and educational town. Its natural advantages all foretell this. From time to time manufacturing industries have sprung up, suited to the needs of her inhabitants, and this is something traceable in the early history of all pioneer towns—the very demand creates its fulfillment. Towns of much size being remote from each other, and far from Boston, which during the 18th century was the principal market place, the people of necessity made for themselves, so far as possible, all articles needful for common or daily use. Thus we see why so many tanneries and shoe shops, scythe-snath and blacksmith shops, saw and grist mills and such like industries had an existence. In the following account

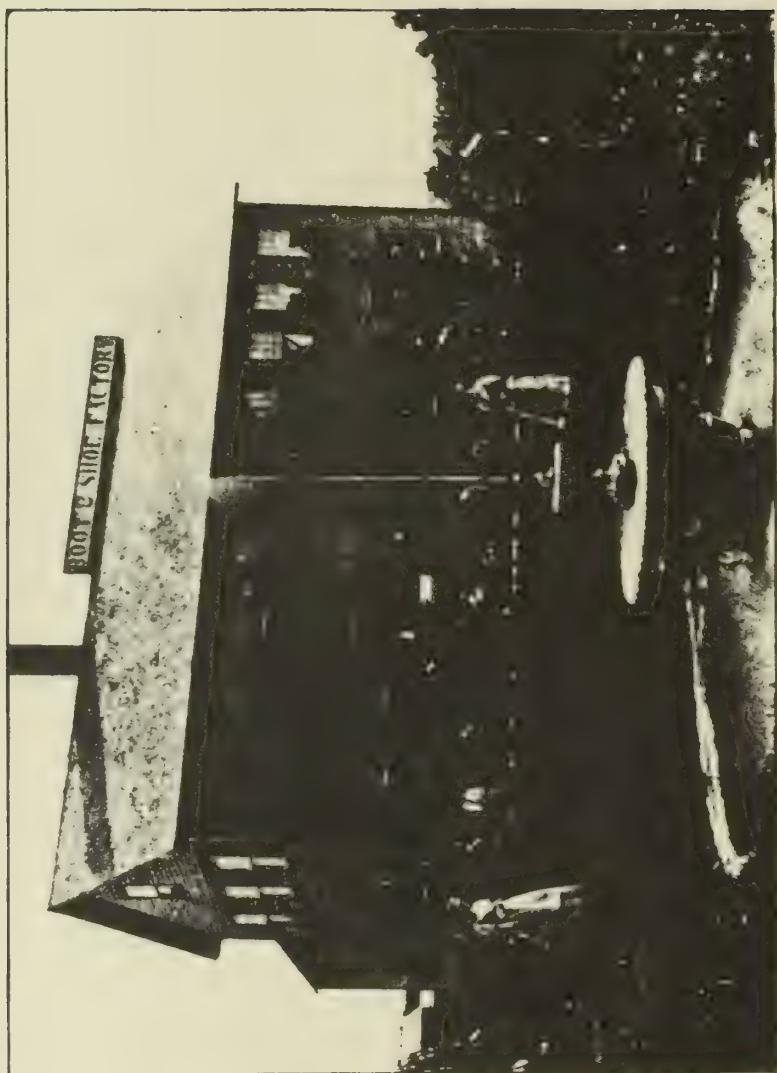
of those established in this town only approximate dates are given. In the aggregate it seems like an unusual amount of business for the size of the place, but it must be borne in mind that one followed the other in the majority of cases, and in this way the seeming paradox is explainable.

*Tanneries and Shoe-shops.*—Some of the first of these to be established were the tanneries and shoe-shops. The present Cushman Hall is on the site of probably the largest of these old tanneries. It was owned by Izatus Sheldon and Elizur Chamberlain, about 1830 to 1840. In connection with this, they owned and carried on shoe-shops. Chamberlain's shoe-shop was on the corner opposite where the library now stands, owned at present by Mrs. Harriet Brown. Tanning their own leather, employing oftentimes a dozen men in working it up, they found a market for their productions in the distant South. Although in company, they each had a separate shoe-shop. They also employed Mr. Amos Carrier, who had a shop just south of the present residence of Mr. Frank Burrows on South street. After the dissolution of their partnership, Mr. Carrier carried on the same business for himself at his old stand. Sheldon's shop was in the back part of his house, on the site of the one now occupied by Mr. Sumner Stratton. The tannery was sold out to one Joel Fay, who came from the vicinity of New Salem. He ran it for three or four years, when it was given up, and a part torn down, probably not far from 1850. A second part was moved to the present library location and converted into a blacksmith shop, which was occupied by the Fox brothers, Selah Wright, and Eli C. This was later owned by Mr. J. N. Dewey, and moved to its present position back of the Universalist church building. Mr. Dewey sold about 1880 to Wells Bardwell, and he, May, 1880, to A. Kenney. It is now occupied by Mr. Cairns.

A third portion of the old tannery was moved to a position on South street, standing where Dr. Bowker's barn is now located and was occupied by Col. Ferry as a scythe-snath shop. This was finally burned.

A second tannery was situated at North Bernardston, east of Charles Bagg's place and upon the river, owned by Lewis Prouty. About 1860, James Linton owned and ran a shoe-shop, which was





afterward bought and run by Lucius and Marcus Cook in the old Goodale Academy, later transformed into a dwelling by J. N. Dewey. These shops all did a fair amount of business according to the old-time method. In 1829 there was advertised as being for sale a house, wood house, tanner's shop, shoemaker's shop and bark mill on a fine stream. Quartus Sheldon was then living on the premises. About 1845 John Allen made and repaired shoes, his place of business being at North Bernardston. In 1872 the largest industry probably in this line the town has ever had was started by N. S. Cutler, in the manufacturing of women's, misses' and children's shoes. A shop was built upon the old Dr. Brooks place on South street and a force of fifteen hands employed. This enterprise steadily grew until some fifty hands were busy, and with the increasing cares and needs, partnerships were formed with Capt. George Warner, a native of Bernardston, now resident in Lynn, and with George T. Cutler, a brother of the senior member. In 1880 the business had assumed such proportions as to render the distance from a more desirable shipping point and banking facilities a most serious drawback; consequently after much deliberation and careful consideration, the business was transferred to Greenfield, Mass., July 1st, 1880.

*Scythe-snaths.*—About 1840, Col. Ferry owned a scythe-snath shop located where Dr. Bowker's barn now stands. This was burned and he rebuilt on the river south of where is now the Barber mill. Here, until 1867, a prosperous business was carried on. Col. Ferry retiring, sold the property to James Haynes, who in turn disposed of it to Alburtus Weatherhead. The latter converted it into a wheelwright shop, carrying on that business until his death. In the settlement of his estate, E. S. Hurlbert became possessed of the property, leasing the same to J. Henry Nichols for the manufacture of cutlery.

*Blacksmiths.*—In a shop situated between the present iron bridge and the old sawmill site, Selah W. and Eli C. Fox, brothers, carried on blacksmithing. Here they made the snath trimmings used by Col. Ferry, and the business careers of these two firms were nearly or quite contemporaneous.

Near by the shop of Messrs. Fox was located another, owned by



Medad Squires, just west of the present residence of Mr. O. W. Gray. Upon the site of the present brick store building there was, at an early date, one owned by Horace Atherton. This one was burned in 1821, but was soon after rebuilt, used for a time, then removed to the lot upon which now stands the house recently owned by the late H. N. Porter, upon the river bank. April 2, 1828, Jared Fox and Jedediah S. Woodard, blacksmiths, dissolved partnership and the business was continued by Fox, who in October, 1829, sold the same to Pliney Merrill, whose apprentices, — Stratton and Frank Snow, carried on the business. Subsequently Enoch Moore bought this and during his ownership it was again devastated by fire. In rebuilding, Mr. Moore chose a site about a quarter of a mile to the south. This shop he sold to Josiah P. Day, who owned and operated it many years, finally selling the same. Mr. Moore soon after built another forge on the next lot south of Mr. Day's. The building is still standing, but has long since fallen into disuse. One of the last occupants was William Chase, who in 1879 removed thence to the stand owned by Mr. Dewey. Where now Mr. Sanderson's ice-house stands, Joel Doty at one time plied his trade. In the north part of the town, near the location of the recent store, Deacon Gore's forge and bellows were to be seen. This subsequently passed to the ownership of Benjamin Arnold Streeter, while upon the opposite side of the street was one owned by a Mr. Lee. The first blacksmith in town was a Mr. Bailey, who had a shop in the old Burk Fort. Mr. Bailey was the second man to be buried in the old burying ground in or about 1757, a soldier's interment there being the first.

With the exception of Messrs. Day and Dewey's shops, the existence of most of these antedate the war or the year 1865 at the latest. The precise dates relative to many it has been well nigh impossible to obtain, and the same applies to other industries. Close inquiry from the older inhabitants elicits the information that "such a one had its beginning when I was a boy, and might have been run until I was about so old." No doubt there were others in the early settlement of the place not here mentioned.

*Gravestones.*—It may be a fact not generally known that very many of the black slate slabs in the old cemetery, as well as some

in the new, were produced from native soil, and were quarried and sawed by Samuel and Caleb Chapin. Their quarry was situated on the top of West Mountain, very nearly opposite the hotel. About 1830 they conducted quite a business in this line, their shop being located upon the banks of the Blake pond, so called, a little above the late Mr. P. L. Cushman's. Here they did their sawing by water power, using a smooth edged piece of steel for a saw, and making sand and water, slowly sprinkled and poured on in the track of the steel, do the work of sawing. The lettering on these stones was done in a building which has stood until within the last twelve to twenty years, just north of Mrs. Janette Chapin's place, at the corner of Depot and South streets. Mr. Nelson Blake purchased their shop, thereby securing the water power, and here he established a wheelwright shop, which he conducted until his death. The next owners of the place were, successively, George Green, Mr. Merrifield, and, lastly, C. C. Cook, formerly of Turners Falls.

*Minerals.*—Among the minerals here found are lime and iron, and with varying degrees of success have the ores been mined. Lt. Gov. Cushman is authority for the statement that in the year 1769, Major Burk dug about 20 tons of limestone at the Chapin quarry which he sent away. Where, was not recorded, if known. About 1830, the Chapin brothers—Samuel, Caleb, Dana and Justin, built a lime kiln about three-quarters of a mile north of the village, on the east side of the Brattleboro road, between that and the bridge crossing the river to the old cemetery. Quite a mound is discernible there to-day and, should an excavation be made, the remains of this old kiln would be revealed. The stone was obtained from the mountain just west, on the farm recently owned by Harris Williams. This industry was carried on for some 15 to 18 years, but as the lime produced was of an exceedingly strong and inferior quality, as well as of a very dark color, it was not especially successful. About 1780 the iron works were in operation on the present site of E. S. Hurlbert's factory, and here the ore obtained on West Mountain was smelted. Ore has in recent years been dug on Mr. Harris Williams' farm, the right being sold by him to New York parties. This, however, had no marketable value, the ore being so strongly impregnated with sulphur. There is also a slate quarry at the north end of the Fairweather farm, so called.

*Carding Machines.*—Up to 1825 a wool carding machine was run on Fall River, east of Blake's pond, by Simeon Cushman. From his estate it was purchased, in May of that year, by P. C. Alexander and Jason Brown. They advertised to manufacture wool on shares. Up to 1828 John Wait and Jason Brown were in company, then the business was advertised as being for sale, also a sawmill on the premises. This was later owned by Richard Montague, being purchased by him of Truman Shattuck, and this was the one owned by Col. Ferry and A. Weatherhead. About 1810 Oliver and Ruggles Bagg began to run a carding machine and fulling mill on the west branch of Fall River, west of the old Chase tavern. This was an enterprising firm, they conducting, in addition to this business, a saw and grist mill, and adding the branch of cloth dressing in 1829. In 1818 George Alexander advertised "a good stand for clothier, also a carding machine in good repair." August, 1801, Ebenezer Hills assumed control—by purchase or rental—of clothing shop lately owned by George Mowry. September 4, 1807, John Purple purchased the clothier's works formerly owned by Ebenezer Hills.

*Rope-making.*—About 1800, Israel Slate engaged in an industry, which, in this town, has never had a rival, that of rope making. Formerly large quantities of flax were here raised annually. Of this Mr. Slate (aided by his sons) took his share, returning the best of flaxen rope in the shape of bed-cords, clothes-lines, halters, or in heavier piece rope as desired. His place of business was his homestead, the present residence of his grandson, Mr. L. A. Slate. Originally the house was in the shape of a letter L, and in the long part running at right angles to the street, he used to stretch and twist his rope, or failing in finding the requisite length there, he often-times used to stretch it *across* the road, leaving just space so that a team might pass upon the further side. His grandsons, Deacon Henry and Mr. Francis L. Slate, have both, in their boyhood, worked at this trade.

*Tailors.*—1830 or thereabouts, marked the advent of two tailor shops in town. One was kept by Lorenzo Parmenter, at the present home of L. F. Whithed. The second by Charles Slate, at a house which stood between the Ferry and Fontaine places, just

north of and opposite the hotel. Both of these gentlemen were Bernardston boys who learned their trade at Northfield. Mr. Parmenter is at present a resident of Edgartown, Ill. Mr. Slate died some years since at his home, the old Baptist meeting house across the iron bridge. Another tailor, Mr. L. Pierce, was in business about 1860 at the present home of John Chapin.

*Harness and Saddle-Making.*—The harness and saddling industries have been represented by two firms. The first of these was in 1815, in which year Theodore B. Hoyt came here from the older parent town of Deerfield. He settled in North Bernardston and had a saddler's shop in the back part of the house recently occupied as a dwelling by Charles Bagg. After remaining here three or four years he moved to the place since owned by Samuel Connable, farther south. Thence he moved to the village, occupying the Dr. Carpenter place, and having a room for his business over Horace Atherton's blacksmith shop. Here he remained until that building was burned, when he was again forced to change his location, this time choosing a place over the Zebina Newcomb store, then situated on the lot owned now by Mr. J. P. Day, just east of the Unitarian church. In the spring of 1821 he purchased the property where now stands the Institute, and there built a house, at the south-west corner of which was the well, still to be seen upon the Institute grounds. Here the business remained until 1832, when another change was made to the place now owned by Moses Aldrich. After a twelve years' residence here, he removed to the present Clogston place upon Burk Flat. In the meantime, harness making had been added to the original trade of saddle-making, and Mr. Hoyt's son, Richard H., had been admitted to a partnership. From 1842 on, the latter successfully assumed charge of the business, and in 1850, the father's health being impaired, he retired. A shop was built opposite the residence, and here the business was carried on until 1873, when Mr. Hoyt, changing his residence to the Dr. Brooks place on South street, transferred it thither. So long as he lived in town, until 1881, he continued to work for a greater part of the time at the harness-maker's trade. The second representative in this business was Anson Flint, who, about 1850, had a shop in the ell of the house now owned by the late Mr. Albert Hare, on South street.



*Distilleries.*—Formerly the distilleries were common throughout the country. Going through the town with an older inhabitant, these old land-marks are frequently pointed out and spoken of, or perhaps more properly, the sites they used to occupy. Of the cider mills it is not my purpose to speak at length, but of these cider and gin distilleries there were four or five, and they being in New England, comparatively an institution of the past, they seem to deserve, at least, a passing notice.

Probably the earliest one to be erected was the one still standing, built by Joseph (?) Connable not far from 1780. This was later owned by Samuel Connable, always by some member of the family, and remained in use until about 1865 to 1870. Fifteen years ago this distillery formed one of the many picturesque scenes with which the North Bernardston road abounds. The old building at the north end, painted red, with "skim milk and redding," the long trough running high overhead, to the large, wooden, unpainted tank, the long roof erected over it, the immense wheel near at hand, the whole overgrown with a tangled mass of vines, while a profusion of wild flowers relieved the more dense green of both back and foreground of overarching trees and shrubs, all these combined to produce as quaint and charming a picture as could be imagined. Now behold the change! The tank, trough, wheel and shed, gone: the tangled wildwood and flowers cleared away, and the old red building, surrounded by a smooth, grassy plot, was all that was left to attract the eye of those passing to what was once the scene of so much activity—and now *that* is gone.

About 1800 a gin distillery was built on the Newcomb brook, just to the west of the present bridge. The timbers of the dam across the head of the ravine have stood until within a very few years. This distillery was run by Major Samuel Root. This was the place where one of the Deerfield captives met death at the hands of the Indians, as already referred to in this chapter. Cruel as the fate seems, may not the little one, too young, probably, to realize danger or recognize fear, have thus been spared a more terrible torture.

About this same time there was a cider distillery built on Huckle Hill. It was owned by a kind of corporation of the resident farm-



ers, and was located in the hollow back of the present school house, and between Elias Parmenter's and Simon Edwards' houses. This had an existence of about 35 years. There was also one at the east part of the town operated by Squire Hamilton, and another on Mill brook, owned by Lieut. Hale.

*Cigars.*—At different times within the past 15 years there have firms engaged in the manufacture of cigars. The first was George Lane in the old Goodale Academy. The second, Sanderson and Hale, who occupied a part of the Cutler shoe-shop, which was moved in 1880 by John Baker to a position opposite the cemetery at the village, and by him fitted up as a wheelwright shop. They were succeeded by a firm from Westfield. The latter remained but a short time and the shop itself was finally burned.

*Cutlery.*—The only manufactory now located in town is that of E. S. Hurlbert & Co., upon the site of the old foundry. In 1853 Mr. Hurlbert began to make here steel hoes, corn knives and rakes, in the production of which he employed 15 hands. This business he increased greatly, adding thereto the making of brick and plastering trowels and corn-cutters, also a fine line of cutlery. During this time he formed partnerships with John Cushman and S. N. Brooks. About 1880 he associated with him Walter E. and Henry Nichols, who later succeeded to the management of the business, Mr. Hurlbert being in poor health. In 1892 the Nichols Brothers bought a factory in Greenfield, moving their share of the works there, and Mr. Hurlbert again assumed the entire charge of the industry he has so successfully nurtured. The present firm is comprised of E. S. Hurlbert, Henry Crowell and Alonzo Alford.

*Wheelwrights.*—At different times there have been a number of wheelwright shops here. In addition to the ones already mentioned, George T. Cutler had one a little south of the Cutler house, at the north part of the town. On and near South street there were three, one in the present garden of Henry Keet, owned by Chester Wright, one at the Ziba Newell place, which was later moved out onto the west road, and to-day stands on the place lately owned by Hiram Norton. At the old stand of Nelson Blake is now Mr. C. C. Cook's shop.

*Stores.*—For many years this place has supported three general

stores, sometimes four, each doing a fair amount of business. Probably the one which brought to its owners the greatest wealth was the old "Zebina Newcomb" store years ago. This, in its first location, stood on Mr. J. P. Day's lot, just east of the Unitarian church. About 1835 he built and moved into the brick store, and later the old building was moved back on the original lot and converted into a barn. Succeeding Mr. Newcomb in the management of the business, came his two sons, John C., now of Chicago, and Richard F., now of Quincy, Ill. Upon the death of the elder Newcomb, the property was sold to Lorenzo Park, who, in two or three years, rented the same to Messrs. Allen and Lyman, the latter a son-in-law. Mr. Allen finally bought out his partner's interest, and conducted the business alone, until failing health obliged him to retire, when Mr. Park sold the property to O. W. Gray, then of Philadelphia, Pa. The latter gentleman leased the place to E. K. Burgess of Broadbrook, Ct., whose stay in town proved to be of short duration. From the time of his departure until 1894, the business at the village was divided between the other two stores, Mr. Gray converting his building into an office for personal use. In the fall of 1894 it was refitted, a new stock of goods opened up, and again the "Brick store" took its place beside the others. Under Mr. Gray's efficient management its success is assured.

From 1815 or 1820 to 1830, Samuel Wells Willard kept a store in one room of his dwelling, the house owned by the late Hartley Hale on the "Green." At about the same time, Capt. John Hunt succeeded to a store which stood opposite the hotel. Who the first owner of this was, is not known. About 1835, Col. Aretas Ferry came to town and soon bought out Mr. Hunt. In 1858 the project of forming a "Union Protective Store" was carried out. The organization of this association was perfected on the fifth of September of that year, and Col. Ferry's store was henceforth known as the "Bernardston Union Store of Division No. 50, of the New England Protective Union." The object of this association as stated in their constitution was to "Provide to the members groceries and provisions at the lowest possible price, by means of an agency established in Bernardston and conducted on a *Cash basis exclusively*." Business was begun on the 24th of October following or-

ganization, with a capital stock of \$860.00, there being 86 shares at \$10 each. The amount of goods sold during the first eleven months was \$6643.32, a net profit of \$187.00, being shown. The salesman employed to conduct the store was Gilbert S. Mattoon of Northfield. At the annual report it was given out that the amount of capital was insufficient to successfully carry on a business of that character. The second annual report showed but little improvement, the capital stock having been increased only by the sale of three shares, while about \$50.00 worth of molasses had been lost by the carelessness of a teamster. The whole affair seemed to be devoid of success, and at a special meeting called for December 17, 1855, it was voted to accept the proposition of Mr. A. J. Aldrich to assume the debts of the corporation and pay each shareholder eleven dollars in goods, or ten dollars in cash or flour, at the option of the shareholder. Thus the end came for the Union store, and Mr. Aldrich was the next owner. Succeeding him was L. B. Wright, who conducted the business successfully until his death. Upon the disposal of the real estate by the administratrix the stores and fixtures were bought by Mr. O. C. Allen, who carried on the business for a time, selling to Ransom L. Crowell. Under the administration of the latter a most successful business has been built up. At the present time his son Henry is in partnership—R. L. Crowell & Son—and by close attention to business and the wants of their patrons they have won their way into the fullest confidence and esteem. And that the public appreciate their efforts is shown by their prosperous and steadily increasing trade.

A younger claimant to patronage appeared in the store erected across the street from the post office by A. M. Stratton, between 1850 and 1860. This store has also steadily won its way by the careful management and consideration of the proprietors. Messrs. Park and Gould bought out Mr. Stratton and eventually Mr. Gould purchased the interest of his partner. He most successfully conducted the business until his death. George R. Paige of New Salem bought the property at the settlement of Mr. Gould's estate, and by his gentlemanly bearing and careful attention to all the details of its management, sustained the excellent reputation which this store has always borne. The store is now owned and successfully

managed by Sumner S. Stratton, successor to W. A. Stratton & Son.

For a few years Lucius and Marcus Cook owned and carried on a store in the old Goodale Academy building. At the north part of the town there was for many years a store which drew its patronage not only from its own territory, but much from the neighboring towns of Guilford and Leyden. The first store here kept was in the room of the old hotel, which has since been utilized as a dining room. George Bugbee of Brattleboro was the proprietor. The Hinsdale house, so called, was built by Luke Gore, who had a store in the south end of his residence. Further to the south, Mr. Alvin Howe built a store opposite his dwelling. He sold it to Timothy K. Horton, who, as did his predecessor, had there a good business. The third owner was George Temple; he, in turn, sold to — Green. This building was finally burnt. The store occupied for some time by J. O. Bliss, was bought by him from Messrs. Smith and Jaquith, who secured it in 1879 from A. M. Stratton, acting for the creditors of G. Plaisted. Mr. Bliss closed his store at North Bernardston in 1894, having taken a position with Mr. Gray at the brick store at the village.

Among the earlier stores was one standing by itself, or kept in a house which did stand near the meeting house in 1795, owned by John Harte. In May, 1804, Oliver Cooley removed his stock of goods from the store, which he occupied at as early a date as 1801, to the store near Medad Squires' blacksmith shop. This was probably the store kept on the "Green" in a log house. In June, 1804, Mr. Clement Smith came to town, opening a general store in the building vacated by Cooley. From about 1812 to about 1818, Elijah A. Gould was a merchant in town. July 22, 1818, the firm of Harris and Maxwell was dissolved by mutual consent, the latter continuing in trade in town. According to all accounts Henry R. Sheldon and Samuel Willard also "kept store" in the log house on the "Green," but there seems to be a confiction in the few dates obtainable concerning them and their business transactions.

*Pocketbooks.*—About 1870 this industry was established in town by Mr. Emil Weissbrod, remaining for two or three years. This was located in the house just north of the late Obed Dickinson on



Depot street. The business was removed to Montague and later to Greenfield, in which place it has come to be recognized as one of the leading industries.

*Lawyers.*—The lawyer's profession has had at least one representative here, for in December, 1822, Jonathan A. Saxton removed here from Deerfield and opened a law office. How long he remained is unknown.

Among the agricultural products not already mentioned, is, or rather was, one, the harvesting of which was the signal for a good time as well as considerable hard work. In the autumn the hop fields presented a lively appearance with the young men and maidens gathered from afar and near for the hop gathering. The fields of Zenas Cutler, Joseph Connable and David Streeter were among the first to be devoted to hop-raising, not far from 1835, and for a number of years that was considered a most profitable product.

The beginning of O. W. Gray's successful career as a publisher of maps was in town, where he did the first work in making the same.

In closing this chapter upon Bernardston's industries, it is with a feeling of deep regret that it may be that much has been left not chronicled; that in a manner, it is a poorly treated, unsatisfactory one. This may be attributed, in part, to a lack of sufficient dates and positive information, although all effort has been expended to secure the same. Then, in former times, as is sometimes the case now, one business was so interwoven with and dependent upon another, especially in rural communities, that classification is difficult. It is hoped, however, that enough has been said in a general way to give an idea of what has been accomplished here in a business way, and to arouse enough interest in the matter, so that, in the future, some one better qualified can take up the research—the thread here broken off—and successfully wind up the narrative.



## CHAPTER V.

POLITICAL AND MILITARY HISTORY—PATRIOTIC POSITION TAKEN DURING THE REVOLUTION—COMMITTEES OF INSPECTION AND SAFETY APPOINTED—THEIR DUTIES—CASE OF JACOB ORCUTT—REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS—CAPTAIN JOSEPH SLATE—ACTION IN REGARD TO THE STATE CONVENTION—AMOUNT OF SUPPLIES FURNISHED—VOTES IN THE FIRST STATE ELECTION—VALUATION OF THE TOWN IN 1780—SHAY'S REBELLION—WAR OF 1812—CIVIL WAR—FIRST VOLUNTEERS—ROLL OF BERNARDSTON MEN WHO SERVED IN THE ARMY—RELIEF WORK OF THE LADIES—PRESENTATION TO LT. HURLBERT.

Hitherto the transactions of the town meetings so nearly represent the daily lives and deeds of the inhabitants that it was deemed best to give them, in some degree, chronologically. From the earlier records many abstracts are given *verbatim*, in the hope that the quaint orthography may prove as entertaining to the reader as to the writer. Should any, perchance, think that the text of the original records has been too closely followed, let this serve as an explanation, and if need be, apology. Not only do these quotations reveal the style of recording the proceedings of those days, but to a careful observer, much as to the educational advantages, and the use made of them by our former scribes. From this date forward the work is arranged in topics as they would naturally occur.

The annals of the town have now been briefly brought down to the momentous Revolutionary period, a period fraught with dangers and deeds of patriotism never to be obliterated. The beginning of this war properly marks the commencement of a new epoch, and perhaps one of more general interest to us, occurring as it does within the recollection of some of our childhood associates. The people of this town have always been zealous for the cause of liberty, and in the colonial struggle we can but recount with becoming pride the part taken. Although the town had scarcely

recovered from the effects of the Indian wars, it raised its full quota of soldiers and furnished largely of funds and provisions. They were among the first to resist by force the oppression of a foreign power, and to plant the tree of liberty in a soil which they had defended by their arms and which had been watered by their blood. In common with their country men, their motto was "We determine to die or be free." Truth compels us to record the existence of six Tories in town, but in the face of so much enthusiasm, their sentiments were kept to themselves. At this time, Bernardston numbered not far from 500 inhabitants. January 30, 1775, when war was an almost assured event, a committee of inspection was appointed, consisting of John Connable, Elisha Burnham, Joseph Slate, Joel Chapin, and James Couch. The committee of correspondence was Aaron Field, Elisha L. Burnham, Stephen Webster, Jonathan Sheldon and Hezekiah Newcomb. These two committees were later united and for the succeeding years were as follows:

1776.

Capt. Elisha Burnham.  
Aaron Field.  
Lt. Joseph Slate.  
Daniel Newcomb.  
Caleb Chapin.

1777.

Capt. Elisha Burnham.  
Major John Burk.  
Remembrance Sheldon.  
Stephen Webster.  
Joel Chapin.  
James Couch.  
Jonathan Sheldon.

In May of this year a second committee was chosen and authority was transferred to them. They were

Capt. Elisha Burnham.  
Sgt. Elijah Kingsley.

Lt. Daniel Newcomb.  
Lt. Severance.

1778.

Lt. David Rider.  
Thomas Edwards.  
Jason Parmenter.  
Elijah Kingsley.  
William Fox.

1779.

John Connable.  
Jason Parmenter.  
Elijah Kingsley.

1780.

Lt. Joseph Slate.

Lt. Joel Chapin.

Samuel Hastings.

These committees were possessed of almost unlimited power; they could cause the arrest of suspected persons, or their confinement within the limits of their farms; as we are told, in some cases they did. In 1776 they made an example of one Jacob Orcutt,

who was found guilty of altering a six penny bill to a six pound note. He was tried before the committee of safety and sentenced to receive thirty lashes on the bare back at the hands of the constable, Samuel Connable. The courage of the latter proved unequal to the task, and the punishment was finally administered by Lieut. Ezekiel Foster. This occurred in May, at Major Burk's house. After the chastisement, the culprit was given a glass of rum and, it is needless to add, quickly took his departure.

11£ 5s. 2d., a sum equal to the province tax, was ordered raised and paid into the town treasury, there to remain until ordered out by the town. The Provincial Congress urged that the towns and districts within the State hasten to comply with the important demands laid upon them, therefore, May 10, 1775, the collectors in Bernardston were instructed to gather the Province money within three weeks, and pay it over to Henry Gardner, Esq., of Stowe. They further showed their patriotism by voting that the province rate of all enlisted persons, or of those who might enlist during the year, should be also forwarded to Mr. Gardner. Sixteen men were to be secured to serve in the Continental army in addition to those already in the service at Cambridge. The names of those from our town given collectively cannot be found, but by a careful perusal of the treasurer's book we learn of some who served their country at this time.

March 6, 1786, there was paid to

Jabez Dennison, for serving as a continental soldier,	12£.
Henry Lee,	12£.
Samuel Connable,	11£ 2s. 6d.
Benjamin Cook,	12£.
Ebenezer Nims,	12£.
Ezekiel Foster,	10£ 10 s.
Samuel Green,	10£ 10 s.
Lt. John Severance, his son Daniel's bounty,	10£.
Daniel Davis, for serving as a continental soldier,	12£.
Owen Briggs,	6£.
Records Wilbur,	6£.
Daniel Chapin,	9£.
Samuel Guild,	9£.
Isaac Smith,	12£.
Joseph Hale or Benoni Brown ye hire of soldier,	10£.
Moses Scott,	10 £ 10s.

The State archives add to this list the names of Samuel Barnard and James Merrett as being six months men for 1780, at which time Ebenezer Nims also served for six months.

These were presumably the sixteen men secured, and this only a month after the battle of Lexington. It was also voted that "those persons who took powder from the common stock last spring in the alarm (probably the Lexington alarm), and returned home soon after from Cambridge, are to be accountable for the same to the town." Soon after, June 17, 1775, occurred the battle of Bunker Hill, the news of which rapidly spread throughout the colonies. All the peaceful arts were laid aside and every one assumed the defensive. Almost every man old enough to carry a musket repaired to the scene of action. An example of this kind occurred within less than a mile from this place, a fact, which, though it may seem to border on the marvellous, is, however, well authenticated.

Capt. Joseph Slate, a hero of the French and Indian war, was ploughing that self-same day on West Mountain. At different times during the day he heard, or thought he heard, the sound of cannonading, although at the distance of 100 miles. Often he applied his ear to the ground to satisfy himself. He predicted that that day blood was again spilled in defense of his country. And he was right. So sure was he that he heard firing, that before night he left his ploughing and went to Deerfield to learn the fact, and the next day he was on his way towards Boston, where he remained the most of the season. Those who read this statement may be disposed to think that, in this instance, "coming events cast their shadows before" and that something akin to the spirit of prophecy might have stirred the blood and quickened the ears of the brave old soldier. I content myself with recording the fact without undertaking to explain it. If it proves nothing else, it proves the feverish excitement to which men's minds had been worked up. (Lt. Gov. Cushman.)

Appropriations of money and drafts were frequently made and in the aggregate would have done much credit to an older and more thickly populated community.

The roll of Capt. Agrippa Wells' Co., dated April 20, to May 1, 1775, is as follows:

Lieut. Ezekiel Foster,	out ten days.
Serg. Elijah Kingsley,	" " "
Corp. Asaph Allen,	" " "
Corp. Ebenezer Scott,	" " "
Samuel Turner,	" " "
John Connable,	" " "
Ezekiel Foster, Jr.,	" " "
John Coats,	" " "
Nehemiah Andrews,	" " "
Reuben Shattuck,	" " "
Daniel Chapin,	" " "
Thomas Hunt,	" " "
David Davis,	" " "
William Chadwick,	" " "
Lt. Joseph Slate,	" fifteen days
Sgt. Joel Chapin,	" " "
Caleb Chapin,	" thirty-nine days.
Samuel Hastings,	" fifteen days.
Samuel Connable,	" " "
Hezekiah Chapin,	" " "
Simeon Allen,	" " "
John Severance,	" thirty-three days.

Col. Whitcomb's regiment, Capt. A. Wells' company, dismissed September 23, 1775, contained from Bernardston

Ensign Ezekiel Foster, second lieutenant.	Ezekiel Foster.
Elijah Kingsley, third sergeant.	Jason Parmenter.
Asaph Allen, first corporal.	John Hunt.
Robert (Reuben?) Shattuck, 3d corporal.	Samuel Turner.
John Coats.	Zebadiah Slate.
David (Daniel?) Davis.	Hezekiah Chapin.
David (Daniel?) Chapin.	Nehemiah Andrews.
Ebenezer Scott.	William Chadwick.
Thomas Hunt.	

The payroll of the above men credits them with being out from May first, in all, three months and eight days, and travelling 112 miles. The same year, for eight months' service, is found the name of Arad Sheldon upon the coat roll of Capt. Joseph Stebbins' company, Col. J. Brewer's regiment. The company was made up of men from all over the State. September 28, 1775, Capt. David Cowden's company (of Pelham) Col. Woodbridge's regiment, service near Prospect Hill. Coat roll, James McColoh, Sgt. On the



coat roll appears the name of John Workman, May 24, 2£ 18s. 7d. In Capt. Wentworth Stuart's 31st reg., Sept. 29, 1775. September 17, 1776, ration or mileage money for company, under command of Capt. Samuel Taylor of Roxbury, out three months to Dec., 1776.

Joseph Slate, Ensign, 120 miles at one penny, total	10£ 11s.
Joel Chapin, Sgt., " " " " " "	10£ 11s.
Jacob Webster, " " " " " "	10£.
Jonathan Slate, " " " " " "	10£.

June 9, 1779, in Col. Wells' regiment, were Jonathan Griffin, ae. 34 years; Reuben Whitcomb, ae. 21; Simeon Cotes, ae. 21. When mustered these were delivered to Ensign Thomas Clark.

To march to horse neck under Col. John Mosely, in Capt. McClellan's company, was Silas Green. In July, 1779, in Col. Wells' regiment, Capt. Sheldon's company, were Thomas Wolloy, ae. 50; Calvin Weld, ae. 16; Thias Johnson, ae. 16; Samuel Barnard, ae. 16. From September, 1777, to January, 1780, there was due the town of Bernardston for supplies for soldiers' families, 152£ 16s. old currency, or 3£ 16s. 5d. consolidated sums. Due to John Burk, 6£. "Mustered and Received of Mr. Samuel Guild, chairman of Class No. — for the town of Bernardston, a certain Jacob Orcutt, a recruit for the term of three years.

Seth Bannister, Capt.

Springfield, Sept. 18, 1782."

The following is a copy of a letter written by Stephen Buckland, whose descendants resided within the district of Leyden, or rather that portion of Bernardston afterward incorporated as such. It is of interest in connection with the Revolutionary war:

On board the Prison Ship N. York, April 9, 1782.

*Sir:—*

Before this comes to hand you doubtless will hear of our fate. We ware taken the 2nd. just by the Brige perseverance of 14 size Kops Commander. — Ezekel Olmsted is slightly wounded but will be well in a few days. All the Rest are well. poor Mikel was drowned by the over Seting of the Boat and several others narrowly escaped.

Our situation you can guess, if you can do anything for us should be glad. if you Git any person to Exchange for any of us you must Git him or them paroled and send them in on condition that they Git the persons Exchanged

that you Send them for or to Return, for you send Ever so many in a flag they will not be Exchanged for us

Remember me to my family and friends

I am Sir yours

STEPHEN BUCKLAND.

Mr. AARON OLNSTEAD.

CAPT. GIDEON OLNSTEAD.

Mr. ABRAHAM MILLER.

P. S. April 22nd. Ewd. Leger was on board yesterday and informs that their will be no exchange for privateers men that he had got Liberty to take twenty prisoners only that war taken in Merchantmen. Our situation is truly distressing Espeshely our people for they were striped of everything even to the Buckles out of their Shoes and Buttons out of their Sleeves hats Coats and Jackets. Many of them have got the small pox and must all have it that have not had it and have not a fathing of money. You would do well to inform their friends that if they are Inclined to Send them any Relief they may if an oportunity presents. Their is on bord this ship about Seven hundred prisoners and Increasing all most Every day. You can Esely Gess what a Life we must Live and hot weather a Cuming on—at present we are as well as can be Expected, what provisions we Git is very Good it is an Excelient place to prepare a man for (Erockelation?) Lieut Warner stood in the Brige that took us and had the promise of being put ashore. I hop he is got home before this.

If you can think of any way by which you could git us out Shold be very Glad. for my part I cant think of any at present but to make the best of a bad Bargain.

STEPHN BUCKLAND.

To Mrs. Mary Buckland.

Prison Ship of N. York April 22th, 1782.

*My Dear:—*

before this Cums to hand you will doubtless hear of our Misfortune. I have nothing to Right but that we are all well Except some have got the Small pox, poor Mikel was drowned by the overseting of the boat and several others in Great Danger.

I hoop it wont be long before we will get home by Sum means or other. Give yourself no uneasiness about me. I live very well and remain your ever

Efectent

STEPHEN BUCKLAND.

Mrs. Buckland.

On the reverse side of this letter is the following in explanation and also it supplements the record:

May the 7, 1782.

Stephen Buckland Dyed in the Prison Ship garly At New York in the 39 year of his age.

And Mammy "as in her 37 year of her Age

Polly Buckland was 13 years old. Hannah Buckland was 11 years old. Betsey Buckland was 3 years old Ralph Buckland Was 9 months old

When our Daddy Dyde A time that never will Bee forgot By us tho we were very young.

(Unsigned.)

This was evidently written by one of the older daughters.

Hannah Buckland m. Mch. 24, 1779, Capt. Jonathan Budington. She was then of East Hartford, Ct.

This letter portrays a different side of the Revolutionary struggle, the greater part of those engaged in service from this section being among the land forces. I have endeavored to find some clue as to the identity of the Lieut. Warner referred to, but without success. He doubtless belonged to some of the Connecticut families of the name who were numerous in the vicinity of Hartford.

In February, 1778, the town voted 50 pounds, nominal value \$167, as bounty to any person enlisting for a term of eight months. Owing to a depreciation in continental currency at this time, the real value was not far from \$35. In the succeeding May, it was voted to pay for all rations for those sent from town to serve in the army. In July of that year it was voted that Sgt. Joseph Allen and Corp. William Fox be allowed to join the army, also that Major Stephen Webster receive the sum of 63£ —or about \$50—for serving eight months in the militia; that the west part of the town make Joshua Wells, Jr., a reasonable satisfaction for serving as a militia soldier eight months, and that they furthermore find one man as a military soldier for six months to go to Albany, as their proportion of the two draughts before last spring. September 8, 1778, a company of thirty men under command of Major John Burk—he then acting as Captain—was ordered to be ready, equipped with arms and ammunition upon any emergency to oppose the enemy. Again

in June, 1780, it was decreed that nine men should be engaged in the war six months and that they should each receive 40 shillings (\$6.67) per month, or "Wheat, rye, indian corn, wool, flax, neet cattle, or sheep at silver money prices." The next month—July—thirteen additional men were called for, but who they were is unknown. 1780-1781 there were enlisted for three years

Ebenezer Scott, April 16, ae. 37.	Edward Dowidson, June 1, ae. 21.
William Hegus, " 20, " 20.	Timothy Stark, May 24, " 60.
Levi Duncan, " 20, " 24.	

In 1780, fifth regiment of foot, Capt. Alvord's company, Col. Brewer's regiment, were

Charles King, for three years.	John Cotes, for eight months.
Samuel Mallin, " "	John Evens, " " "
Joshua Harding, " "	Moses Tute, " " "
Samuel Kimpland, " "	

July 24, 1780, Lt. Col. David Wells' regiment, 4th and 5th companies, 5th regiment, were

Elijah Risley, ae. 22.	Eleazer Groover, ae. 19.
Rufus Foster, " 19.	Amasa Bussel, " 19.
Samuel Green, " 20.	Records Wilbur, " 17.
David Wooley, " 20.	Elijah Walworth, " 18.
Daniel Severance, " 17.	Amos Williams, " 16.
Owen Briggs, " 22.	

The response for provisions for their fellow citizens and countrymen was equally ready and generous. In 1775-6 Moses Scott, Jr., carried blankets to Cambridge for soldiers belonging to this town. In 1775 were sent 445 pounds of bread and 115 pounds of pork to Capt. A. Wells' company, while in October, 1780, in accordance with a call made by the General Assembly, were forwarded 3360 pounds of beef, and the ensuing January, 6454 pounds additional were sent. In 1779 the town voted to supply Samuel Farrer's family with provision, he being then in the army. All of this, added to the amount of the Province taxes levied, constituted a heavy demand upon the resources of our ancestors, but one which by their uncompromising integrity and fervent belief in their country's rights, they were enabled to meet most heroically.

The action taken by the town regarding the formation of the new government is on record as follows, September 30, 1776:

"Then the question was put Whether they will give their consent

that the present house of Representatives of this State of Massachusetts Bay in New England together with the council if they consent, in one body with the House and by equal voice Should consent, agree on and enact a constitution and Form of Government for This State as the Said House of Representatives and Council aforesaid on the fullest and most mature consideration shall judge, will most conduce to the Safety, peace and happiness of this state in all After Successions and Generations, and if they would direct that the same be made Publick for the Inspection and Perusal of the Inhabitants before the satisfaction thereof by the Assembly, and pafed in the Affirmative by a Great Majority." Capt. Elisha Burnham was chosen to represent the town in the General Assembly of the State, and to him at a later time were given instructions respecting the Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union of the American States. Two years later, Apr. 15, 1778, the draft of the constitution was received, and that its import was foreign to the views of the people is shown by there being but 15 votes out of a total of 71 cast for its acceptance. August 19, 1779, the question of voting for a new constitution or form of government came up again, and this time there were 68 for and two against it. The representative for the next year was empowered to vote for the calling of the State convention for the sole purpose of forming a new constitution, provided that when one is formed it shall be sent back to the people, and if two-thirds are for it, it shall be established, and if more than one-third are against it, then it shall become null and void.

The fall following, a convention was called at Cambridge for the purpose of forming a constitution. To this convention Bernardston declined to send a delegate. July 14 of that year a similar convention had been held at Concord, the transactions of which were obnoxious to our good people. They accordingly chose a committee to "write the committee of Convention to convene at Concord the first Wednesday of October next, and shew reasons for their disapproval of the doings of the convention." Capt. Elisha Burnham, Lieut. John Severance and Robert Riddle constituted this committee. May 10, 1780, 30 out of 39 voted for the "third Article in the bill of rights," and 26 out of 29 favored the remaining articles of the Constitution. These several actions of the town



delineate the jealousy with which they regarded any movement which savored of an encroachment upon their civil rights, and viewing their grievances as endured unkingly rule, can we wonder at it?

At a town meeting held September 1, Monday, 1780, the following vote was taken, under the newly formed and accepted Constitution, for Governor, Lieut. Governor and Senators. Governors: John Hancock, 16; James Bowdoin, 10. Senators: Col. John Bliss, 13; Caleb Strong, 15; Major Joseph Hawley, 13; Capt. McClellan, 4; Gen. Daniel Danielson, 7; Rev. Job Wright, 11; Moses Bliss, 1.

Thus we see the constant self-sacrifice and the ready responses made for and to the demands of the war. In exchange for these came the merited satisfaction and pride in a self-formed government. No longer must the people bow themselves to a Monarch's caprice. In matters social, civil or religious they were answerable only to their own people and the officials whom they chose to place in power. In 1780 the assessors returned for Bernardston 33,477 acres, from which a deduction of 5000 acres was made for ponds, rivers and unimproved lands, leaving 28,477 acres, rateable at 12,489£ 12s. The value of the grain on hand was 117£ 4s. The polls returned were 119, while the houses numbered 117. Truly a record which we may well view with commendable pride and satisfaction.

*Shay's Rebellion.*—Scarcely had peace been regained after the fiercely contested Revolution before Massachusetts, especially the western counties of the State, were called upon to suppress the Shay's Rebellion. In the feverish condition of mind succeeding the war, many did not comprehend the exact situation of public affairs, and it needed but one bold and unscrupulous enough to assume the command to obtain a ready following of insurgents, and such a leader was found in the person of Daniel Shay, who was born in Hopkinton, Mass., in 1747, and died at Sparta, N. Y., September 29, 1825. Although not prominently connected with the first movements of the rebellion, he was finally placed in command, not impossibly because of his having become somewhat familiar with martial duties while serving as sergeant at Bunker Hill, and afterward as captain in the Revolutionary army.

There were numerous causes assigned by the insurrectionists for their action, among which were the following: that the salary paid the governor was too high, the senate was aristocratic, the lawyers extortionate, and most of all, the existence of *partial taxation*, especially as applied to western Massachusetts. As a redress of their grievances they demanded an issue of paper money and the removal of the General Court from Boston. An effort was made by the authorities to allay their discontent by the abatement of certain back taxes and debts, but without success. In August, 1786, the trouble began, the malcontents having as one of their primary objects the abolishment of the courts, beginning thus early to assail the power of the Government so recently established, and that, too, at such a cost of human life. Enough of victory favored the rebelling forces to enable them to carry on the insurrection until the last of February following, when the movement was quelled and the leaders fled. This affair is of local interest inasmuch as among Shay's followers were some from Bernardston. In an engagement at Springfield in the beginning of 1787, the troops for the defense under command of General Shephard, fired upon the Shay's party, killing four — Messrs. Spicer of Leyden, Ezekiel Root of Bernardston, Hunter of Shelburne, and Webster of Gill. This repulse followed closely by the retreat to Pelham, and the destruction of many of their number dispersed the already confused mob. Their leaders fled the State and the insurgents themselves were speedily brought in by the cavalry. In attempting to secure one, Jason Parmenter of Bernardston, in the east part of the town, he fired upon the capturing party, killing Jacob Walker of Whately. Parmenter was tried, convicted and sentenced to the gallows. All the preparations were made, and the criminals brought out ready for execution, in accordance with Gov. Hancock's orders. Then, and not until then, was a pardon produced and read, and this pardon was afterward extended to Shay and his leaders.

Thus did Massachusetts receive her rebellious sons into favor. It was during this rebellion that Capt. Caleb Chapin commanded a company of four months men in Col. Ezra Badlam's regiment, and from the old payroll formerly in the possession of a descendant, the late Lucius P. Chapin of Bernardston, and by him donated to the

P. V. M. A., are gathered the names of some who quickly responded to their country's summons:

Caleb Chapin, Captain.	Thomas Rand, Private.
David Hoit, Jr., Lieutenant.	Nathaniel Walker, "
Elisha Ransom, Ensign.	Elias Bardwell, "
Eliel Gilbert, Clerk.	Levi Sartwell, "
Abiathar Joy, "	Daniel Bliss, "
Robert Bardwell, "	Abiezer Richmond, "
Samuel Pollicy, "	Jacob Holliday, "
Samuel Hart, Corporal.	Gaius Field, "
Stephen Lawrence, "	Miller Mitchell, "
Josiah Osgood, Jr., "	Simeon Hastings, "
Thomas Nichols, "	Walter Stewart, "
Ephraim Williams, Fifer.	Zepheniah Jones, "
Aretas Lyman, Drummer.	Elisha Foster, "
Cornelius Gilbert, Private.	Eleazer Lawrence, "
Rosel Alvord, "	Seth Denio, "
Ebenezer Peck, "	Timothy Larraba, "
Caleb Thayer, "	Abel Torrey, "
John Briggs, "	Ebenezer Emes, "
Timothy Warren, "	Elijah Scott, "
Chester Gunn, "	Burriell Hayward, "
Phineas Osgood, "	Erastus Barnard, "
Joseph Osgood, "	Nathaniel Doakes, "
Isiah Dow, "	Elijah Walker, "
David Osgood, "	

Among these there are comparatively few Bernardston names to be found, although doubtless most of them came from this vicinity. After keeping troops in the western counties four months, they were withdrawn, and white winged peace sprang up, Phoenix like, from the quickly crushed but dangerous insurrection. Most authorities agree that had Shay possessed sufficient knowledge to have skillfully commanded his forces, unlimited success might have attended his movements. In the civil war, some few writers cited the case of Shay's insurrection to all such as were disinclined to accept the tax imposed, and it certainly seems as if one such lesson would be all that was needful in a Government's history.

*War of 1812.*—Concerning the war of 1812 there is nothing upon the records. In its corporate capacity the town took no part, and it is not definitely known who went from here, although at different times there have resided here survivors of that war. The absence of any action of the town at that time is explainable by the

fact that Gov. Strong, then Governor of Massachusetts, was opposed to the war, and when upon the outbreak of hostilities, President Madison issued a call for troops, he requested of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts its opinion as to the authority of the President to require a State to send its soldiers outside of the State, subject to a general, other than the President himself, as commander-in-chief of all the American forces. The decision of the court was that in *certain contingencies* the President might call out the State militia, but that, as there was no power given the President or Congress to determine when those contingencies did really exist, the Governor of a State must determine the question for himself. Hence the President's call had no force. Gov. Strong declined to call for troops, and many soldiers went to New York State and enlisted, and were probably credited to that State rather than to the State to which they actually belonged.

According to a letter written by Alpha Ryther in 1863, there were, in 1814, fifteen men called for from town, and thirteen responded. Some of them were, besides Mr. Ryther, Elijah Tryon, fifer, Hosea Aldrich, Erastus Ryther, Ebenezer Nightengale, Gorham Chapin, David Guellow and a son of William Newcomb of North Bernardston. These men belonged to the second regiment, second brigade, fourth division. The Captain was David Strickland of Greenfield. The company was ordered to Boston about September 1, 1814, and remained for three months, being stationed successively at Cambridgeport and Commercial Point at South Boston. Mr. Ryther was for a time clerk of the company, but having lost the roll, could only give this much from memory. Who were the other members of this company is not known. Had Massachusetts taken any concerted action, we may be assured that this town would have responded in a ready and enthusiastic manner. All the records of this war, or in any way pertaining to those who went from the State of Massachusetts, are to be found in Washington.

The first half of the nineteenth century probably passed by, in a sense, uneventfully. The country was at peace; the inhabitants, prosperous. Passing events interested our townsmen, as they do to-day, for the time being; the morrow furnished fresh food for



thought; the social and educational side of life received its full share of attention, with the result that the schools were built up, the lyceum, spelling and singing schools, now almost forgotten institutions, prospered; days were taken for the improvement and beautifying of public, as well as private, property. In short, a happy, prosperous life was here depicted, such as is only attainable in a community at unity with itself and the outside world. Each pursued his wonted calling, running the race that was set before him, and many of the town's patriarchs, approaching their time appointed, were tenderly laid, by loving hands, within "God's Acre."

*Civil War.*—The beginning of the civil war marks another great epoch in the Nation's history, and one which cast its reflection on every town in the country; while the stirring events which then transpired are mirrored in the minds of all the passing generation. Through the latter part of the fifties, excitement and party feeling ran high on all political issues of the day, and glancing backward 40 years, we can see our town eagerly watching, with others, the attitude assumed by the Southern States, and in imagination we can enter into the feverish excitement which everywhere prevailed, and dominated men's actions, when throughout the country was flashed the news that Fort Sumter had been fired upon and hostilities actually begun. Never lacking patriotic enthusiasm, Bernardston now fully sustained her former creditable record in her ready accession to the demands of the national government, and her citizens harbor a justifiable feeling of pride at the remembrance of the noble deeds performed by her heroic sons, a feeling which is tempered and saddened by the loss of some of her loved ones who fell while in the performance of their duties.

" It singeth low in every heart,  
We hear it each and all,  
A song of those who answer not,  
However we may call."

At a town meeting held July 22, 1862, for the express purpose of taking action relative to the quota called for, Mr. I. K. Brown was chosen moderator, and the following resolutions, presented by Dr. William Dwight, were unanimously adopted:

"That we, as citizens of the town of Bernardston, with a view to the suppression of the most atrocious rebellion of modern times, do hereby



heartily endorse the policy of the President of the United States and hereby express our confidence in his tried patriotism, his integrity and devotion to the welfare of the whole nation.

Resolved, That the town of Bernardston in response to the call of the President come forward with a willing heart to lay upon the altar of our Common Country the lives of our sons and the treasures of our people in defense of that noble constitution and union, the preservation and perpetuation of which, is the solemn duty of every individual throughout the length and breadth of our land.

Resolved, That the exigencies of the hour call upon old and young, rich and poor alike, to rally around the old flag of our fathers and consecrate our energies to the defence of this, the best Government that a kind Providence has bestowed upon Man."

It was voted that "a bounty of \$100.00 be paid to each of the eleven recruits for Massachusetts Volunteers in the service of the United States, that may enlist in Bernardston agreeable to the call of the President of the United States. To be paid when such recruits are mustered into service—and that the selectmen be instructed to borrow a sum sufficient to pay the above Bounty and use the credit of the town for that purpose: provided that a sufficient guarantee fund shall be raised by voluntary subscription to indemnify the selectmen in the above action, if the action of the town in passing this vote shall be illegal and shall not be legalized by future legislation." This guarantee fund was immediately raised. The call of the country fell upon hearts just as loyal as ever beat within human breast, and to Herbert G. Horton must be given the honor of being the first volunteer. Immediately upon the adoption of the above resolution, he presented a muster roll headed with his own name. This prompt action had its effect, and five names were soon placed beside his upon the roll. At the motion of Rev. Mr. Ruberg, three cheers were given with a will, after which the meeting was adjourned, six of the eleven recruits called for having been quickly secured, and the number was soon made good. During the summer of 1863 the excitement was intense. The response to calls made for men was everywhere less ready than heretofore and it was found to be impossible to fill the ranks by voluntary enlistments. Hence a draft was ordered, beginning in this county, Tuesday, July 14, 1863, at 10 a. m. All males between the ages

of 20 and 35 years, except the unmarried (whose limit was extended to 45 years) were subject to this draft, and were to serve three years or through the war. The draft for the ninth district called for 3066 men, including exempts, for whom 50 per cent was allowed, and Bernardston was required to furnish twenty-three. Those drafted from here were, in the order in which the draft proceeded:

Ward A. Ferry, Sumner F. Streeter, Charles P. Cushman, Henry L. Lamb, Moses Nelson, Edwin C. Burrows, Joseph Hatfield, Zenas Butterfield, David Wells, Charles Lascoway, H. Duane Fox, Aaron W. Field, Almon D. Hale, Galusha Newton, Henry O. Root, Ezekiel Hale, Eugene Templeman, Francis D. Hale, Joseph W. Cross, Chauncey O. Haley, Timothy B. Carpenter, Lucius W. Cook, Henry Hale. By subscription, the citizens raised a fund to pay such drafted men the same bounty as was paid those who went as volunteers in 1862. Consequently each able bodied man either went or sent a substitute. Under the President's call of March 14, 1864, the quota assigned this town was eight.

Those who responded to their country's call were as follows, those whose names are marked with an asterisk being the ones who lost their lives in the service; those marked † have passed away since and all are rightly classed as among the honored dead:

#### 21st Regiment.

Charles O. Frizzell.	*Lucius C. Hale.	Geoffrey Vaile.
*James W. Hale.	*Edward Lachore.	†F. D. Hale.
*George E. Hale.		Dennis Bartis.

#### 27th Regiment.

John Manning.	R. C. Briggs.	Dwight A. Reed.
W. A. Thompson.	Michael Sullivan.	John Albett.

#### 10th Regiment.

†George W. Wells.	William H. Scott.	B. R. Morrison.
*M. F. Slate.	*Charles C. Harris.	D. R. Scott.
L. B. Streeter.	George Thompson.	Josiah P. Day.

#### 31st Regiment.

A. N. Johnson.	Henry Baldwin.
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#### 37th Regiment.

J. J. Aldrich.	Bart. Sullivan.	H. A. Wolf.
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#### 4th (Vt.) Regiment.

C. O. Haley.	John Haley.
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	33rd Regiment.	
†Herbert G. Horton.	†T. L. Sheldon.	J. C. Fairman.
†Enos H. Burt.	†David Newell.	C. J. Hutchins.
D. L. Fairman.	†J. H. Weeks.	A. F. Thompson.

Mason Drury.

15th (Ct). Regiment.

\*Charles A. Boyle.

9th Regiment.

\*H. J. Hale.

Z. A. Butterfield.

52nd Regiment.

E. S. Hurlbert.	R. F. Newcomb.	†Dwight Park.
†H. P. Lyons.	William F. Oaks.	†D. H. Wheeler.
†L. P. Chase.	†J. S. Slate.	F. R. Park.
I. L. Thomas.	†E. C. Newton.	H. W. Hale.
†Lucius M. Weatherhead.	*James M. Thompson.	F. C. Slate.
George W. Thorniley.	C. R. Gould.	Q. W. Benjamin.
L. B. Grout.	†A. W. Kingsley.	W. S. Whitcomb.

6th Regiment.

Rev. A. N. Field.

56th Regiment.

\*William Woodrough.

\*George W. Woodrough.

3rd Regiment, Cavalry.

William Vanall.

\* 4th Regiment, Cavalry.

George W. Haskins.

A. L. Haskins.

\*Fred Hale.

57th Regiment.

Anson Booter.

George Norwood.

14th Regiment, Battery.

William H. Walbridge.

2nd Regiment, Heavy Artillery.

\*Henry T. Sheldon.

Charles T. Scott.

\*George A. Willey.

†Joel N. Nash.

William Palmer.

James Quinn.

1st Regiment, Heavy Artillery.

George Hughs.

23rd Regiment.

†Henry O. Streeter.

†John W. Temple.

A. T. McClure.

Joseph Slate.

Regiment unknown.

Charles Huber.

Hector Murphy.

Among the sons of Bernardston who served under enlistment from other places, should be mentioned Capt. George Warner, now resident of Lynn, Mass., who went from Springfield, Mass., attained the rank of lieutenant in the 27th regiment, Co. K, and at the battle of New Berne, lost a limb. As soon as the wound was healed and an artificial limb fitted, he returned to active duty, afterwards becoming captain of the company. He was also for a time connected with the subsistence department at New Berne. Likewise from Springfield went Laroy Z. Cutler, who enlisted for nine months in Co. A, 46th Reg., M. V. M., yet saw eleven months' service ere his return home.

The existing condition of affairs was the best to bring out the character of the people and many patriotic examples might be recorded. At the time Henry W. Hale was drafted, his father gave him \$300.00, the sum required for his commutation. This he returned with the remark that "The government wants some one to take my place and I may as well go." Mr. Hale served his country with credit to himself, passing through some thrilling experiences, and as a reward for his fidelity then, as well as a mark of the respect in which they hold him now, his former comrades have bestowed upon him the position of commander of the Edwin E. Day Grand Army Post, in the town of his adoption.

Rev. J. B. Green, pastor of the Unitarian society, connected himself with the sanitary commission for some time and rendered valuable aid to that organization.

In 1862, October 27, Lieut. E. S. Hurlbert, with his soldiers from this place, also some others in the same company, reached here on the evening train, receiving an ovation worthy their brave spirits. The ladies had procured a sword, sash and revolver, and with the citizens generally, repaired to the hotel then under the management of Mr. E. C. Fox, whither Lieut. Hurlbert and his men were escorted by a large procession headed by a band. Here, to Lieut. Hurlbert was presented the articles by Master Everett Fox, on behalf of the ladies, in the following words:

"To you, Sir, the honored officer of a band of patriots from our own midst, the exercises of this occasion have an uncommon interest. To us all, it will be a matter of pleasant memory: and the presentation of an ele-

gant sword and sash by the ladies of Bernardston to our beloved Lieut. Hurlbert, to be used in the salvation of an afflicted country from traitorous hands, will go down in the history of this town to the latest times, as a worthy deed of respect to one of her noblest sons.

But, Sir, however much we admire the business energy you have shewn in years now past, and which have added much to the standing and growth of our place; however much we admire your intellectual and social qualities, which have endeared you to a large circle of friends, that earnest, decisive, yet courteous demeanor which has ever marked your intercourse; still, your history even now begins; your sphere of highest usefulness, of patriotism, such as will give honor to yourself, and mark with glory the annals of our community, just now opens before you. You, with your brave companions, are to write with the death dealing edge of the sword and bayonet in the hearts of our foes, lessons of terror to tyranny, of love to freedom and humanity. May God crown you with the highest success. The ladies of Bernardston, in whose behalf I make this presentation, thus express their confidence in you, their high hopes and the pride which they feel in the noble position you are to hold in our country's cause. This honor is not meant for you alone. The ladies thus shew their regard to every noble spirit that from Bernardston has enlisted in the army of our common country as compatriots with you. They and we alike rejoice that one of their number has been selected for a post of so great importance. This occasion is a token of regard for them, through you, as their lieutenant, and well may we honor them. You, soldiers of Bernardston, have shewn your patriotism, your courage. While some trembled and cowered, you stepped nobly forth. No man of Bernardston can sacrifice more than you are doing for a noble cause—it is not property, it is home and life you lay upon the altar of our country. You offer to live or die for her, as the god of battles may direct. O, how unlike those dastard, coward, cringing souls, who besiege the surgeon for exemption papers, yet can daily labor for themselves or charge a dollar a day to their neighbors for their work—dead to the high call of their country—may God have mercy on their cowardly souls!

In behalf of the ladies of Bernardston, contributing therefor, I, who would gladly be of age to accompany you in your perils and honor, present to you as a token of their esteem and high hopes, and with regard for the soldiers, your brave associates, this beautiful sword and sash: and in the sentiment of the Spartan mother to her brave son, to whom she had presented a shield, saying, 'Return either with this shield or upon it,' so say



they to you, return to us bearing this in triumph from many a gory field of battle, or if you are destined never to return, we trust your brave heart will never tarnish its brightness, except in honor to our country's flag."

Lieut. Hurlbert responded as follows:—

"Through you, Sir, it now becomes my duty to thank the fair donors for this valuable testimonial of their regard. And I trust, if by a kind providence, I am again permitted to return among you, I may bring this valued gift, untarnished by any act of mine, or its lustre dimmed except by traitor's blood.

And, Sir, when I say, thank the fair contributors, I mean all that that word can possibly express, I think I feel the full weight of the responsibility resting on me in accepting it, I have sworn to do all that in me lies to support that Constitution and that Union which has been handed down to us by our fathers and sealed with their blood: come what may, I shall strive to do my duty in maintaining them.

I take it for granted, however, that not only to me is this token presented, but to all who from this town have taken their lives in their hands and present them as a freewill offering in defence of the dear ones they leave behind. We know we are leaving those dear firesides around which so many pleasant memories cluster, in exchange for long and wearisome marches, sleepless nights, and all the wants and privations of an army in an enemy's country: but trusting in the righteousness of our cause, we cheerfully accept them. And I trust, God helping us, the fair givers shall never have cause to blush for any act of those whom they have by this gift commissioned to battle for the salvation of our common country."

Upon the sword was inscribed, "Presented to Lieut. E. S. Hurlbert, by the ladies of Bernardston."

Thus do we see how the brave and independent spirit which led the women of the pioneer families to aid their husbands and sons in the treacherous Indian warfare, shows itself in their descendants. A hundred and fifty years later, nearly, the women were actively engaged in doing all in their power not only to stimulate patriotic sentiments, but also to relieve the wants and sufferings of those who were so dear to them. Boxes were prepared and sent to the field, and the benefits derived from their contents would have amply repaid all denial and self-sacrifice made, could the contributors have witnessed the same. The younger, as well as the

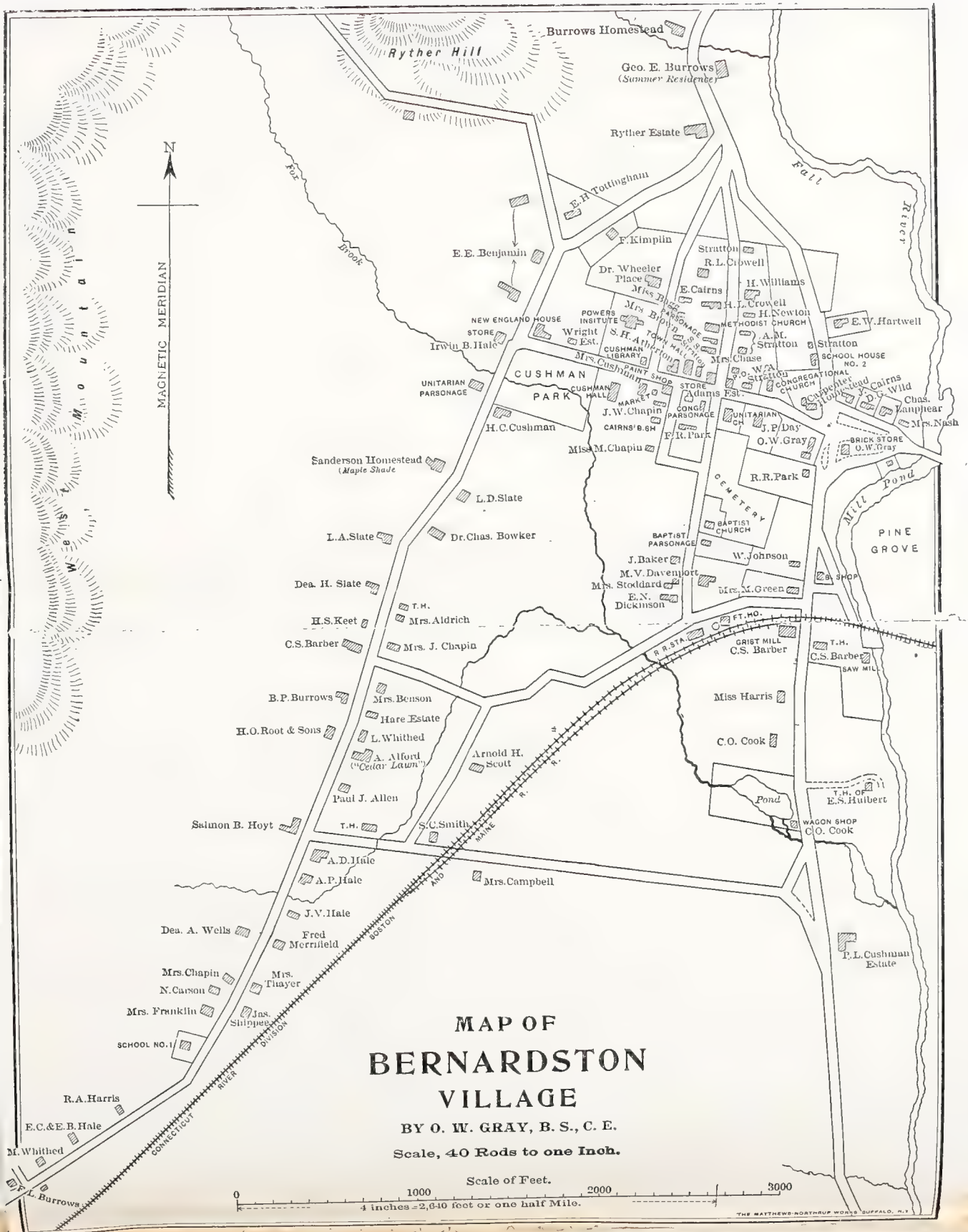
older, ladies had their organization and worked with a will, preparing delicacies and comforts which were sent to the different commissions for further distribution. And who shall wonder if an occasional written word of encouragement was included in the "comfort bags" sent? Or that the recipient of such should most gratefully acknowledge the favor, as did one young man who, in one of his communications to a Bernardston maiden, thus described himself: "My hair is red, I should have been good looking, had not the Lord unfortunately set both my eyes watching my nose." Such matters, little things in themselves, no doubt helped many a poor soldier through the long hours of weary marching, or served to vary the monotony of camp routine, and if, by such means, disheartened spirits were encouraged, just in that proportion was good rendered to the cause for which all, at home and abroad, were most earnestly engaged.

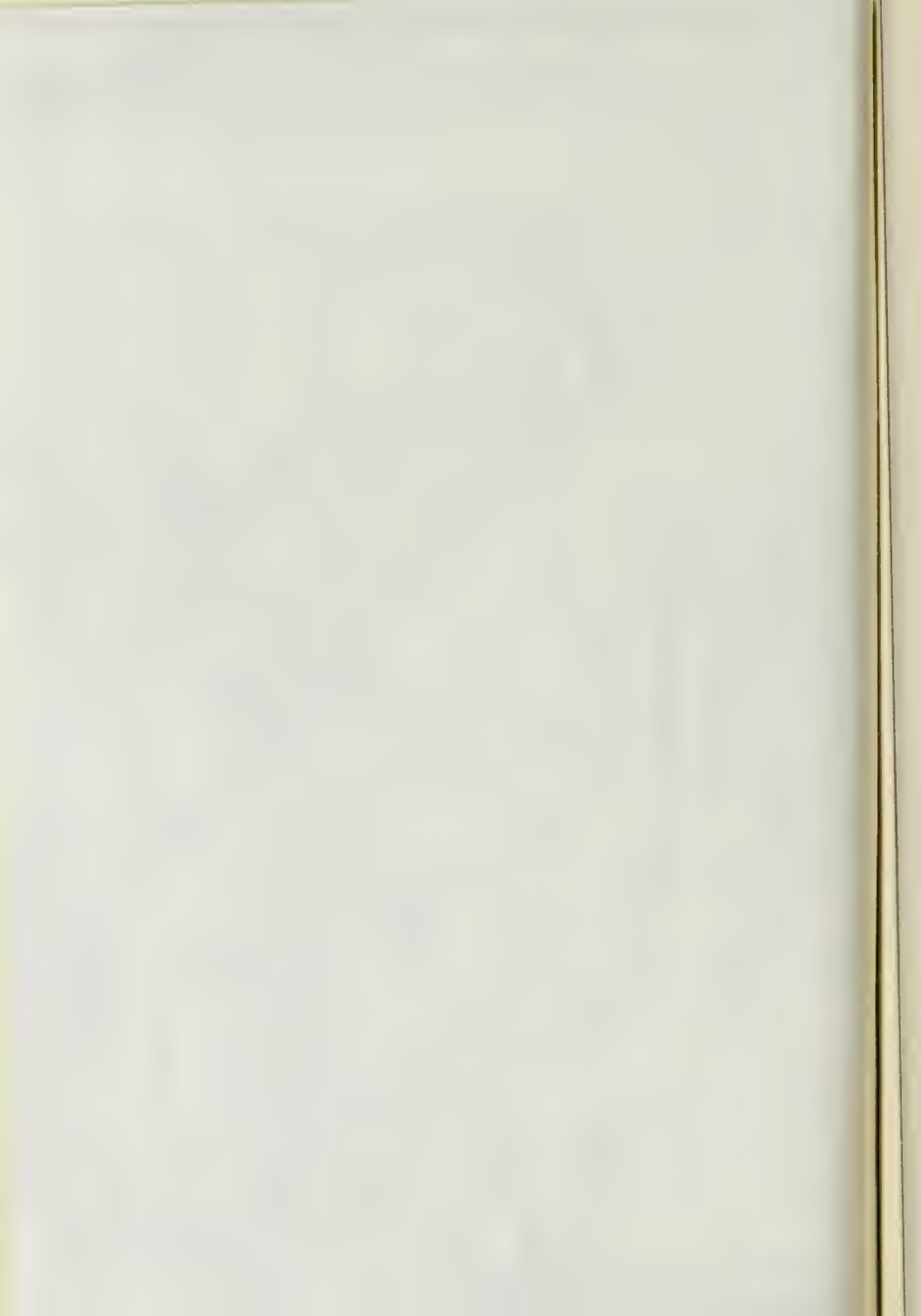
Of those who lost their lives while in the service, Lucius C., son of Allen B. Hale, of the 21st regiment, was wounded and died in the hospital at New Berne, N. C., April 12, 1862. James W., son of John Valentine Hale, died at the same place of a fever, April 8, 1862. He was in the 21st Massachusetts regiment. Edward Lachore was killed in the battle of New Berne. George Hale was drowned in the Potomac river. James Thompson died in a hospital. Charles S., son of J. S. Slate, died in the Philadelphia hospital, November 5, 1862. He was aged 21 years, a member of the 4th Vt. regiment. Sergeant Barnard, son of Ziba Newell, was killed in the battle of Malvern Hill, near Richmond, July 28, 1864, at the age of 27. He was shot in such manner as to sever a main artery, and bled to death immediately. His body was robbed by rebels, into whose hands it fell. Sergt. Newell was a member of Co. F, 1st Massachusetts cavalry, and although but 27, had been in between 30 and 40 battles and skirmishes. He had a brother killed in the battle of Antietam. William Woodrough and son George were killed before Petersburg. Frederic Hale died at Fort Magruder, near Williamsburg, Va., of congestion of brain and lungs. Charles A., son of William Boyle of Bernardston, died at New Berne, N. C., of spotted fever, October 10, 1864, ac. 27. He was a member of the 15th Connecticut volunteers. Henry T., son of Russell Sheldon, died at

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New Berne, October 12, 1864, æt. 18, a member of the 2nd Massachusetts heavy artillery.

“Down the dark future, through long generations,  
The sounds of war grow fainter and then cease;  
And, like a bell with sweet, solemn vibrations,  
I hear once more the voice of Christ say, “Peace!”  
Peace! and no longer, from its brazen portals,  
The blast of war’s great organ shakes the skies;  
But beautiful as songs of the immortals,  
The holy melodies of love arise.”







## CHAPTER VI.

### DISTRICT OF LEYDEN—FALL TOWN GORE.

Up to the year 1784, the history of Bernardston is the history of Leyden. From that time on, it is as the record of mother and daughter, each depending upon, and assisting the other, in certain directions. And not alone in municipal, religious and educational matters, but by the strong and near ties of kinship existing between the inhabitants, are the relations more closely cemented, as a thoughtful perusal of the records will show.

In the earlier days of the parent town, the settlers, branching out from the north part, seemed to follow the water courses, and going in a westerly direction, we soon find, up the Newcomb brook, the homes of the Connable, Newcomb, Willis, Shattuck, Foster, Bagg and Frizzell families. The causes leading up to the separation were, as in the case of the "Gore," natural ones. Up to the Revolutionary period it is supposed, and everything substantiates the supposition, that, dividing the town into equal quarters by running lines north and south, and east and west, at right angles, by far the greatest number of families would have been found in the north-east quarter, and here also was located the only public building, the meeting house, likewise the only place that we definitely know to have served the purpose of an inn. Hence when settlements began to be made in the west part of the town about the year 1770, the people were obliged to travel, probably, two-thirds of the breadth of the township to attend divine service. This one thing must have been a powerful factor for division, for in those days, if one was absent from church, the question put was not *where* is he, but *how* is he, for it was a generally accepted fact that illness alone would cause such absence. The natural features of the country presented many difficulties to be overcome in the making of good roads at a time when the men not in the service of their country, had their time fully occupied in clearing the land and erecting the customary log-house. So these early roadways, many of them,

we may safely conjecture, were little more than bridle paths through the densely wooded country, and full of unseen dangers to the unwary traveller. Imagining ourselves in their conditions, can we wonder at their thoughts turning toward a nearer township, a nearer civil and religious home? The first settlement was made in the east part of Leyden on what is now called Frizzle Hill, by a Mrs. Frizzle, and the next, at about the same time, a little distance north, on Beaver meadow. These portions of the town were comparatively thinly settled for a number of years, and at the time of its division by the Legislature in 1784, it had not enough inhabitants to constitute a town, hence was called the district of Leyden.

At a town meeting held in 1779, it was voted that the land lying east of Green River be divided by a line running due north and south into two towns or districts, and the final division in 1784 was the result. After this they united with Bernardston in choosing a representative to the General Court, but chose their own town officers. Some of those residing in Leyden prior to this time were John Connable and his sons, who came in 1772, Oliver Babcock, David Page in 1779, Ezra Shattuck in 1780, Capt. Jonathan Buddington in about 1783, Caleb and John Adams, Andrew Henry, Lieut. Reuben Shattuck, Charles Packer, Ezekiel Foster, ——— Spicer, Capt. Agrippa Wells, Lieut. Daniel Newcomb, Samuel Guild, Alpheus Barstow, Selah Chapin, Lieut. Joseph Eason, Nathaniel Eason. Uriah Wilbur came from Rhode Island about 1780. In 1784 the following persons are supposed to have come to town: John B. Demontal and family from Shelburne, John Moore and family, Mary Moore and family from Palmer, Sylvester Crandell and family from Guilford, Vt., John Wells and family from Springfield, Vt., Jehial and Polly Niles from Connecticut, Oliver Noyes and family from Guilford, Vt., Daniel Edwards and family from Coventry, Ct., Solomon Dimmock, Bedgood Bulfish and wife, Ellen and Sarah Cole, all from Enfield, Ct., Levi Brooks and family, Thomas Brooks and wife from Guilford, Vt., Benjamin Grinnell and wife from Rhode Island, James Phillips and wife from Springfield, Mass. In 1785 there came from Guilford, Vt., Joshua Noyes and family, David Dennison and family, John Burrows and family. In 1787 John Saunders and family from Rhode Island, Peter Brown and

family from Montague, Jabez Knapp and family, Enoch Childs and family, and Joseph Engley from Taunton, Benjamin Carleton from Warwick.

This settlement was named Leyden after the town of Leyden, Holland, and the residence of the Puritans for a time prior to their emigration. It is claimed that one Coolidge, probably David, came from Rhode Island and established himself on a farm, the first inhabitant. If so, he must have been here as early as 1770.

The act of division was passed March 12, 1784, Tristram Dotham being speaker of the House, Samuel Adams, president of the Senate, John Hancock, Governor, and John Avery, Secretary of the Commonwealth. The first meeting was called by a warrant issued by David Smead, Justice of the Peace, dated Greenfield, April 22, 1784, and directed to Caleb Adams, the meeting to be called at the dwelling house of Lieut. Joseph Eason on the 26th. The meeting was holden accordingly, and David Severance, Esq., presided as moderator, Alpheus Barstow was chosen town clerk, Samuel Guild, treasurer, Capt. Agrippa Wells, Charles Packer and Lieut. Reuben Shattuck, selectmen and assessors, and Capt. John Adams, constable and collector, for which he was to receive 3*£* 1*s*.

At the time of Captain Buddington's settlement in town the place is thus graphically described:

"But few people lived in this hilly wilderness. Here and there the smoke of the log cabin struggles through the thick woods of oak, maple, beach and chestnut. The Indian still lingered, though his dependence on the whites had made him friendly. The deer was plenty in the woods and sometimes the childlike wail of the panther would startle the mother from sleep." The log school-house soon appeared. One of the oldest inhabitants used often to relate her experiences in teaching in those early times. To her, it seemed wonderful how the children came out of the woods to school and how they would return to the woods, and she be left alone.

In 1789 it was voted to form the district into four school districts, and in 1791 to raise 60*£* for the purpose of supporting schools the ensuing year. The school committee made their first appearance in the year 1803, the first one chosen being Samuel Connable, John Hunt, Isaac Bullock, Paul Babcock, Benjamin Baker, Joseph Bab-

cock and Nathan Hastings. A committee has been annually chosen since, with one exception. In 1805 it was voted "not to Raise a School Committee." Comparatively little is found concerning the earlier schools, and the cause is traceable to the division of the district into the four school districts so soon after the incorporation of Leyden, and each district was charged with the care and expense of its educational interests.

In its religious history the place is at marked variance with most places, in that the first church organization effected was not of the standing order, or Congregational denomination, and to the present time no society or church of that faith has been found within its bounds. In July, 1780, nine years before the appearance of the Baptist society in Bernardston, a Baptist church was organized in Leyden. The members worshipped presumably in private houses or in Colrain until 1797, when there was erected by several persons in company, called the "Meeting house proprietors," a place of worship.

The Methodists early formed a class here, and in 1810 a church organization was effected. In 1841 a church was built, and for the first time the Methodists found for themselves a permanent home.

In 1830 a Universalist society was organized, but had an existence of only three years. In 1867 the society and church was re-organized with 24 members, and with their Methodist brethren united in holding services in the one church at Leyden Centre.

*Fall Town Gore.*—As has been stated in a preceding part of this work, this "Gore" of land—so called—was early applied for, and granted to the proprietors upon their representations that, numerically, theirs exceeded the usual number of grantees proportionately to the size of the township granted. Feeling strongly the reasonableness and justice of their claims, the proprietors, in 1736-7, began the agitation of a petition to the General Court, inviting Thomas Wells to prefer the same on their behalf. Probably no further definite action was then taken, if so, no trace of it is to be found in the records of the proprietors.

On Monday, October 19, 1740, a vote was passed that a man be sent with a petition to the General Court for the gore of land lying between the township and Boston township No. 2 above Deerfield,



thus showing that although immediate action had been suspended, the project had not been given over. The same Thomas Wells was asked to represent them at Boston, he to receive for his services, if successful, 150 acres of land anywhere within the Gore. His mission was attended with favorable results, and at a later date, the town for some unknown reason having rescinded their vote concerning his payment, tendered him the sum of 50*£*. Just the reason for the inhabitants desiring this particular gore, it would seem hard to determine, separated as it was from the town by natural boundaries. The only theory we can advance is, that it adjoined their possessions and promised to become marketable property. It seems to have been a bone of contention, so to speak, a greater part of the time until its final annexation to Colrain in 1779. As a part of the parent town the inhabitants had no interests in common with her citizens. The latter were, as we have seen, located principally upon Huckle Hill, Bald Mountain and North Bernardston sections. The church where the residents of the Gore were expected to repair on the Sabbath and to take part in the town gatherings, was on the highest point of Huckle Hill, and the distance, some fourteen miles as the road was then laid out, and it was to this fact that some of the agitation concerning "moving the meeting house" may be traced.

At one time an attempt was made to divide the town into two districts in order to facilitate the transaction of town affairs, the part situated within the Gore to belong to the south-west district, but without success. A revival of this project resulted in the separation of the district of Leyden. This state of affairs existed until 1771, and we may presume that the feeling was intensified when the inhabitants of the Gore preferred a petition to Governor Hutchinson setting forth their grievances as follows: "For years past and now labor under very difficult circumstances, by reason of being such a distance from the meeting house of Bernardston aforesaid, which is not less than fourteen miles from the nearest of us, and then we are obliged to go through a part of Shelburne, and part of Greenfield which is the way the road now is, and the only way that it ever can go as your petitioners would further inform your Honours that it is impossible to git a road any other way by reason on



a large River with very high Banks on both sides and the water many times in the year is so high that there is no possibility in getting across and when over the river the mountains are so high & Rocky that it is impossible to get a road over them; and whereas your Petitioners are obliged to bear their proportionate part of the burdens of the Town when they receive no benefit therefrom they therefore petition for annexation to Colrain," which town was but two and one-half miles distant. The petition was signed by John Workman, George Clark, Andrew Henry, David Morris, Andrew Luck, Robert Riddle, Abraham Peck, William Stewart.

The defense prepared October 2, 1771, set forth "that four of the petitioners do not belong to Bernardston, they live in Colrain and probably will never live upon their lands in Bernardston, some of them. That the petitioners have not represented the River and Hills in a true light; The River is not so large but that a tree will reach across and a bridge may easily be made to stand on said river and the Banks and hills are passable in some places. That it will very much hurt, if not spoil another parish in the west part of the town finally."

As to the faithfulness of the representations of the defense the existing highways and bridges to-day bear witness. Colrain citizens themselves, although carrying the vote favoring annexation, did so in the face of strong opposition from those resident in the west portion of the town. The parent town carried on the opposition to the movement until 1779, when it was finally voted that that portion of the town lying west of Green River be annexed to Colrain, thus surrendering 2576 acres of land. At this date it is supposed that there were 16 families settled within the limits of the Gore. The names of thirteen of them were as follows, and doubtless others were some of those signing the petition of 1771:

John Newell.  
Oliver Newell.  
Old Romus (colored).  
Benjamin Carleton.  
John Bolton.  
Thomas Shearer.  
Moses Ranger.

William Nelson.  
John Coffran.  
John Matthews.  
John Hurlbert.  
John Workman.  
Abraham Peck.

## CHAPTER VII.

ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY — FIRST PARISH — ORGANIZATION—EARLY HISTORY—EARLY MINISTERS—ORDINATION SERMON—REV. JOHN NORTON—REV. JOB WRIGHT—REV. AMASA COOK—REV. TIMOTHY ROGERS—SOCIETY BECOMES UNITARIAN—UNITARIAN PASTORS.

Another branch of our history now confronts us in the record of our churches and their important work. The church and school characterize a town as well as a nation, each exerting in a similar manner their civilizing and elevating influence.

“ Above the forest's glowing shade  
The Altar and the School appeared;  
On *that* the gifts of faith were laid,  
On *this* their precious hopes were reared.”

The importance attached to the early establishment of a place of worship is shown by the conditions of the grant, one of which was that a meeting house should be built within four years. At a meeting held in Deerfield, in June, 1739, the proprietors voted to build a meeting house which should be 50 feet long, 40 feet wide and 23 feet between joists, and in the summer of 1739, two years after the arrival of the first settlers, it was built. Although the place chosen was bleak and uninviting, the meeting house was located on the south part of Huckle Hill just south of the farm of John B. Field, upon the highest point of land and a few rods west of the present road, probably near the centre of population at that time. The building was but partially finished inside, and no money expended in what would now be considered the most necessary adjuncts. The original location is thus described: The building was to “Set in or near the Road between the 26th. and the 6th. house lots Somewhere Between the South Line of the 6th lott and the North line of the 5th and that the committee that shall be Chofe to build the meeting house Determine as to the Particular Place where it shall Stand.” A later vote authorized the committee already chosen to prepare the material “to Gitt the sd house framed and Raifed and Covered.” After beginning work the lot selected

was found to be very inconveniently located, therefore it was voted that three acres from lot No. 3 be utilized as being nearer where the lumber was framed. A committee was chosen to partially finish the building, "to Lay the Lower Floor, Build a Pulpit and make the Body Seats."

In October, 1740, it was voted that "there be 20£ paid out of the Proprietor's treasury for the support of preaching the Gospel in Fall Town the ensuing winter," and at an adjourned meeting that "A committee be chosen to cut the brush and burn them, ten rods round the meeting house." At the first proprietors' meeting held in Fall Town (at the house of Lient. Ebenezer Sheldon) September 23, 1741, it was voted by a majority of 47 out of 48, that Rev. John Norton be invited to settle in the ministry. His answer to the call appears on the early record books as follows:

"To the Proprietors of fall town adjoining to Deerfield—Gentlemen— you made your application to me by your comtee Laft winter to Preach the Gospel with you and in the Spring I recd a Second application from another comtee to continue with you for some time and alfo have by a comtee chofen by you on the 23d day of September Laft Recd your Invitation to settle in the ministry among you and the offers you made me. I thereupon made it my care to address the throne of Grace for direction in this affair which is of so Great Importance. I must confess my unworthiness and Inefficiency for so Important a Work and it is with Trembling I have Entertained thought of it but when I consider how Desirable it is to serve the Enterest of Christ and of Souls and of being Instrumental in the hands of God to Lead Souls to Christ and the all efficiency of Christ to make the weakest means Powerful to thet End I think I can Say I Desiree in the fear of God and with a humble Dependence on him for assistance to Enter upon that work where and when God shall Call me to it and understanding their is a General Desire among you that I should take upon me the Work of the Gospel ministry among you which I must Needs Say Inclines my hart to you and Gives me a Greater Desire of Settling with you than with any other people.

As to the offers you have made me I don't know but they are sufficient to support me if they are not I conclude it is your intention to Doo more for me, if I preach the Gospel I look upon it Reasonable I should live of the Gospel I purpose no other Livelyhood but that, and then I should be unfaithfull to you should I leave the ministry to seek a Livelyhood any

other way. I hope I shall not expect Great things and I hope you will not suffer me to want if you are able to do for me. as to the seventieth part of the Six miles Square or an Equal part of the whole Township with Each Proprietor the first is the most but yet I think it will be the least trouble to you if I should accept of the last. I therefore do it yet I hope you will consider it and Grant me a wood lot Near to that you offer me. As to the Settlement I to Live with it and be Content to suffer with you in the day of your Small things and trust you will Not Suffer me to want, when you Can Relieve me. If my Necessities Should Call for more. I desire your Prayers that if God should bring me into the ministry among you I may come to you in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ and So I Remain yours to Serve

Deerfield, Oct. 13th. day

JOHN NORTON.

A Domini 1741.

Mr. Norton was accordingly settled with a salary of 130£ for the first five years and afterwards to increase 5£ annually till the sum should be 170£ (\$566.66) annually, and his firewood brought to his door. He was to have 200£ settlement money, one-half in money, and one-half in labor or materials for building.

His ordination sermon was preached by Jonathan Ashley, A. M. It was published and the only known copy is to be found in the rooms of the P. V. M. Association at Deerfield, and through the courtesy of Hon. George Sheldon the following copy has been obtained. It has been said that a copy was also in the possession of Worcester Antiquarian Society, but Lieut. Governor Cushman's research proved the impression to be erroneous:

#### AN ORDINATION SERMON.

*Romans XV. 30.*

*Now I beseech you, Brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ Sake, and for the Love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me, in your Prayers to God for me.*

That same Spirit of Pride and Malice, which the Pharisees manifested towards our blessed Lord himself, whilst fulfilling his Ministry in the Flesh, prevailed very much against his Church after his Death, and Ascension into Heaven; wherefore the Church of Christ at Jerusalem was greatly oppressed, and many were afraid to unite themselves to it, for fear they should fall under the Displeasure of the Rulers; and especially were the Rich and Great unwilling to hazard their All for the Sake of Religion, so that the

Number of Believers confifted chiefly of the poorer Sort, who were not well able to fupport the Gofpel. St. Paul therefore the Apoftlet the Gentiles, endeavors to ftir up a Spirit of Charity amongft them; and tells them, they were Debtors to the Jews, and ought to give them of their carnal Things, fince they had fo largely received of their fpiritual Things, ver. 27. (Such was the Temper and fuch the primitive Spirit in the days of the Apoftles; and would to God there was more of it handed down to us in thefe remote Ages.) And when the Apoftle had obtained a Collection among the Gentiles, and was going up to Jerufalem to deliver the fame to the Saints, he writes this Epiftle from Corinth to Rome; wherein he informs the Chriftians there, that whom he fhould Journey into Spain, he purpofed to come to them, and affures them he fhould come to them in the Fulnefs of the Bleffings of the Gofpel of Chrift ver, 29. And therefore he befeeches them to ftrove in Prayer for him to God. In the Words we may obferve,

1. The Duty recommended, and this is ftiving. And he lets them know he was engaged in it himfelf. Strive together with me He does indeed tell us, 2 Tim. 2. 24. That it is not lawful for a Sefvant of the Lord to ftrove. But there he ufes a different Word (*Macheftbai*) which fignifies to contend in Anger and with Weapons: But the Word here rendered ftrove, is *Agonifhai* to be in an Agony, or to agonize; and the fame Word is ufed, Luk. 13. 24.

2. The Manner of ftiving; and that is, in Prayer; in which we are to be in an Agony. Thus Jacob wreftled in Prayer, Gen. 32. 24. So Chrift himfelf was in an Agony of Prayer, Luke 22. 44. And Epaphras laboured fervently in Prayer, Col. 4. 12. Our Prayers fhould all be fervent and inwrought Prayers.

3. What it is the Apoftle urged them thus earneftly to ftrove for in Prayer; and it was that he might come unto them in the Fulnefs of the Bleffings of the Gofpel of Chrift; that he might come to them with Joy by the Will of God, and be refrefhed with them, verfed 29 & 32.

4. The Motives to this Duty of earneft Prayer for him. And they are the Lord Jefus Chrift's fake and the Love of the Spirit. As if the Apoftle had faid; be it fo you have no Love for me, yet if you have any Defire to advance the Kingdom of your Lord; and have any Defire to feel the bleffed Influence of the Spirit upon your own Hearts, and fee the Operations thereof upon others, then pray for me, that my Miniftry may be proffered.

Hence the

D O C T. That it greatly concerns both Minifters, and People to unite



their earneſt Endeavors, and moſt fervent Prayers to God, that the Great Ends and Purpoſes of the Miniſtry may be answered.

When our Lord had purchaſed a Church here with his own Blood, and was about to deſcend up on high; he did not leave it comfortleſs; but ſent down his Holy Spirit, which wonderfully filled the Hearts of his People: nor did he leave his Church without Means and Helps for its Growth and Increaſe; but gave Gifts to Men, Eph. 4. 8. He was pleaſed to conſtitute an Order of Men to teach and build Men up in the Faith, and graciouſly has promiſed them his Prefence to the End of the World.

Now, do we conſider what their Buſineſs is, who it is that ſends them forth to it, and how they muſt, e're it be long, render an Account to him: how does it concern them in an eſpecial Manner to be fervent in Spirit ſervein the Lord? Mankind are ready to think the Work of the Miniſtry is an eaſy Employment, very much freed from all Difficulties; and many have envied them their Eaſe; yea it is to be feared ſome have left their ſecular Employments, and turned into the Miniſtry, that they might indulge greater Sloth and Idleneſs: But ſuch Men are groſſly ignorant of the ſharp Conflicts & ſevere Agonies which attend a faithful Diſcharge of the Miniſtry. Oftentimes Earth and Hell unite againſt them.

Wherefore a People are not to look upon themſelves altogether unconcerned about the Miniſtry; whether it be ſucceeded or not; but muſt do all in their Power to promote the great Deſigns of it; they muſt do nothing to oppoſe, and hinder it themſelves; and when they ſee it laboring under Difficulties, and Oppoſitions, they may not fit ſtill, and leave Miniſters to grapple with them; but muſt appear for their Help, and ſay to them as the People once did, to Ezra, Chap. 10. 4. Ariſe, for this Matter belongeth unto thee: we alſo will be with thee, be of good Courage and do it. It is of great Concern, that a People as well as Miniſters do what they can to forward the Miniſtry.

But in handling this Doctrine I propoſe Firſt, To ſhow what it is that Miniſters & People are to endeavor after and pray earneſtly for.

Secondly, Point out the Manner in which they are to ſeek the Advancement of the Miniſtry.

Thirdly, Give ſome Reaſons of the Doctrine.

Laſtly. Apply the Truth to Miniſters and People.

Firſt then, I am to ſhow what it is Miniſters and People are to endeavor after and pray earneſtly for.

And in general it is the Glory of God by the Salvation of Men in the Way

of the Gospel. The Glory of God is the great End of our Creation, and it is what we should always aim at in our Actions. As we are Men we should endeavor so to live that God may be honored by us; and as we are Ministers and Christains we are especially concerned to promote the Honor and Glory of God, by seeking our own, and the Salvation of others, in that Way revealed by Christ in the Gospel: And in order to this,

1. Ministers must strive and even be in an Agony, till Christ be formed in their own Souls, and the Souls of their Hearers.

Men are not always converted when they enter into the Ministry many Instances there have been of their Conversion by their own Ministry. But if this be the Case of any Ministers not so converted, how should they cry to God Day and Night for pardoning and sanctifying Mercy? And give no Peace to themselves till they are born of the Spirit of God; lest while they preach the Gospel of Christ to others, they be a Castaway themselves, 1 Cor. 9. 27. How should they wrestle in Prayer till they know the Work of God upon the Heart, and can feelingly pity, and travail in Birth with others? And when this happy Change is effected in their own Souls; how should they strive and agonize in Prayer till Christ be formed in the Souls of their Hearers? Gal. 4. 19.

And if Ministers have ever felt the Terrors of the Law, and experienced the Comforts of God's Spirit, they can't be easy till their People are bro't out of a State of Sin and Death into the Favour of God, they will not rest till they have rescued them from the Hands of the Devil, and introduced them into the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ministers must take much Pains for the Conversion of their Hearers; and especially if at any Time they perceive a good Work begun in their Souls; they should never give over till it end in a thoro' Conversion to God.

And at the same Time that Ministers of the Gospel are travelling in Birth for their own and the Souls of others, a People must join with them and pray earnestly for them. Have any of you an unconverted Minister, you may not reject him even for that: you have no such Warrant from the Word of God; to do this would be to impeach the Wisdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, who commanded the Hearers to observe and do all that the Scribes and Pharisees taught them. Mat. 23. 2. 3. And it would be to make your selves wiser than the Wisdom of God, who chose one to the Apostleship whom he knew was in a State of Nature; and at that very Time forefaw he would lift up his Heel against him.

Your Duty in such a Case is to pray earnestly to God for him; that he may be made of God a faithful experimental Minister of Jesus Christ. And

is your Minister labouring for the Conversion of you or yours, can you neglect striving with him, 'till such a blessed Work be effected in you?

2. Ministers and People are unitedly to endeavor to uphold and promote real Piety and Godliness among themselves.

Ministers must strive to be exemplary themselves, to be Patterns of Patience, Holiness and heavenly Mindeness; they must resist all Temptations to Lewdness and Vanity. It is a great Reproach to Religion when Men, who bear the Character of Christ Ambassadors, give themselves up to Sensuality, and have no Government over their Passions and Appetites. But this has been unhappily sometimes the Case to the great Dishonour of Christ. Would we be Ministers of our ascended Lord and glorified Redeemer, we must avoid everything which tends to bring ourselves and his Doctrines into Contempt.

And all such as profess themselves Christians must be very watchful over themselves, and walk circumspectly, not as Fools but as Wise, redeem in the Time, Eph. 5. 15. 16. They must avoid all Appearances of Evil, and live up to the Character they sustain. Nor is it enough here, that Ministers and People are externally sober and religious; but they must keep up the Life and Power of Godliness, as well as the Form of it, Tim. 3. 5.

And do Ministers and People at any Time observe Religion dying, how should they strive together, to revive it? Is any Sin prevailing and growing rampant; they must awake to put a Stop to it and face it down: It is not enough that Ministers exert themselves; but a People must also join their strongest Endeavors and most fervent Prayers: they must strengthen the Hands, and encourage the Hearts of Ministers; as they in Ezra 10. 4, forecited.

3. Ministers and People are concerned to do all in them lies to preserve Peace and good Order among themselves. Christ's Blessing to his Church was Peace. Joh. 14. 27. And the Gospel often enjoins Peace upon the Followers of Christ. Hence we are commanded to live peaceably as much as possible, Rom. 12. 18 and to follow the Things which make for Peace, Rom. 14. 19. And Peace amongst a People is very necessary in order to the flourishing of Religion: The Spirit of God will not dwell in the midst of War and Contention. How watchful therefore should Ministers and People be that they don't fall into Strifes and Animosities? Satan is always ready to cast in Bones of Contention: Ministers must strive so to live that they may give none Offence to any; and that Satan may have nothing to improve against them to destroy their Usefulness: And a People must avoid all Occasions of Contention, by living in Love, by bearing with, and for-

giving one another. And is any Feud springing up, how does it concern us all to quench the Coals.

4. Ministers and People must unite their Endeavors and Prayers that the Doctrines of Christ may be preserved pure and unmixed with Errors. We are all bound earnestly to contend for the Faith, Jude 3. And especially should it be of a great Concern to such, as are appointed to Teach the Truth to others, to be well grounded themselves in the Truth. Ministers may not indifferently embrace any Tenets; thinking it no Matter so their People are easy with them; but they must examine the Truth, and when they are well instructed in it, must teach it to others: and they are commanded to convince Gainfayers, Tit. 1. 9. And is any Herefy springing up at any Time, they must make a vigorous Opposition; and a People must assist them herein, lest the Corruption become epidemical, and prove fatal to the Souls of many.

So also it equally concerns Ministers & People to preserve the Worship of God unmixed with the Inventions and Superstitions of Men, Moses in building the Tabernacle, was to follow exactly the Pattern shewn him in the mount: So we in all our Worship should pattern after the Mind of God revealed in his Word. We must keep up a holy Jealousy for God's Worship, and be always ready to rescue it from the Impositions of Men, which however pleasing they may be to carnal Reason, yet are condemned by God, and unsafe for us.

5. Ministers and People must do all they can to support Christ's Authority in his Church, that his Laws and Government may take place upon Transgressors. That Christ has left Authority in his Church is certain, Mat. 18 & 1 Cor. 5. In whose Hands it is reposed, I shall not now attempt to determine; nor is it necessary it should be decided, would Ministers and People assist and strengthen one another, and both do what in them lies to reclaim Sinners and bring them to Repentance; but so long as Ministers and People are jealous of one another and all they aim at is to ingross the Power into their own Hands; and refuse to strengthen one another, Things will grow worse and worse if possible. It is a Reproach to Christians that there is scarce so much as a Shadow of Government in the Church; and it is so hard a Matter to bring Offenders to humble themselves; and obstinate Men cannot be brought to submit to Order. Happy would it be, Ministers and People unite to recover the sinking Authority of Christ in particular Churches; since we can't have any Help from Councils of Churches: Authority is as necessary in a Church as in a Kingdom: and the more this sinks, the more will Religion die with it. Ministers therefore must bear a



Testimony againſt Offenders; muſt boldly call them to Account; and a People muſt ſtrengthen a Miniſters Hands and encourage his Heart herein; and may not juſtify the Wicked, as is too commonly the Caſe.

6. It concerns Miniſters and People to endeavor to ſupport the Honour and Credit of the Miniſtry. However a corrupt and degenerate Age may deſpise Men of a ſacred Character; yet certainly the Work of the Miniſtry is the moſt honourable Employment in the World: and Chriſt affures us, that ſuch as deſpise them deſpise him, Luk. 10. 16. He will have them eſteemed highly for their Works ſake, 1 Pet. 5. 13, and accounted worthy of double Honor. 1 Tim. 5. 17. And when we conſider how much the Succeſs of the Miniſtry depends upon the Eſteem Men have of Miniſters themſelves, ſhall not both they and a People do all they can to advance their Credit and Reputation? They muſt themſelves live ſo holy and exemplary that none may have any Reaſon to cenſure and Reproach them. They muſt approve themſelves to the Conſciences of Men. Their Lives and Converſations muſt be ſuch as will command Reverence from Men. But then Miniſters are Men of like Paſſions, and ſubject to like Temptations with other men, Act. 14. 15. And if they do any Thing inconſiſtent with their Character and Calling; a People muſt bear with their Infirmities, overlook, and cover their Failings. God has guarded their Reputation better than any Mens whatever, 1 Tim. 5. 19. How afraid then ſhould you be to ſpeak Evil of them, as is the common Practice of Mankind? As tho' they hired them into the Miniſtry to let looſe reproachful Words of them? But notwithstanding all the Care God has taken to preſerve the Reputation of Miniſters, how ready are Men to ſpread every Failing they are guilty of to the greateſt Diſtance? But when Miniſters are thus wounded in their Reputations, their Uſefulneſs is greatly deſtroyed.

And in order to your upholding the Credit of the Miniſtry you muſt ſupport them honourably who labour for your Souls. God commanded that the Ox which treadeth out the Corn ſhould not be muzzled, Deut. 25. 4. Which the Apoſtle applies to the preſent Caſe, 1 Cor. 9. 9. 10. And he lets us know there is the ſame Reaſon they who preach the Goſpel ſhould live the Goſpel as they who attend upon the Altar ſhould be Partakers of the Altar, Verſes 13. 14. But it is certain, the Priests under the Law were allowed by God a vaſtly greater Maintenance than Men are willing to allow Miniſters of the Goſpel. It is a vain Imagination ſome men have, that if Miniſters are kept poor and dependant, they will be more faithful, that they may not be rejected by the People: This is the Way to make them Servants to Mens Humours, inſtead of Servants to their Salvation; if they are



kept mean and low, they will not have Courage to reprove Men boldly, and face down their darling Sins: their Strength is not the Strength of Stones, nor their Flefh Brafs. Job. 6. 12. And if they are kept poor and dependant, when Troubles arife and Men evil intreat them, they are ready to fink, and know not how to perfift in their Work. And it is to be feared this has overborn and wafted the Spirits of fome of the faithful Servants of our Lord Jefus Chrifft.

Secondly. I am to fhew in what Way and Manner Minifters and People are to endeavor to promote the great Ends of the Miniftry.

And the particular Way the Apoftle points out to us all is Prayer: Yet we are not to fuppose this is the only Method Minifters and People are to ufe, for the Light of Nature, and the Word of God itfelf, will teach us to add to Prayer all reafonable Means and Endeavors; but as we are intirely dependant upon God and Chrift for our Salvation, and can do nothing for ourfelves; fo nothing is more reafonable than this, that we fhould make known all our Wants to God, and commit all our Cares to him by Prayer; He alone can proffer our Endeavors, and grant us our Defires. And efpecially fhould Minifters of Chrift be frequent in this Duty of Prayer; they are altogether of themfelves insufficient for this Work, and all their Sufficiency is of God, 2 Cor. 3. 5. And how earneftly fhould they implore upon their Knees the compaffionate Pretence of their Lord, and the gracious Influences of his Spirit, to conduct them into the Paths of Truth, and fave them from the endlefs Labyrinths of Error? That he would Support and Comfort them under all the great Difficulties and Difcouragements they meet with in their Work? How fhould they agonize in Prayer, and plead for the Influence of the Spirit in all their more private or publick Services? That both in their Studies, and in the Congregation they may approve themfelves to God, and be faithful Minifters of the New Teftament? They muft alfo be much in Prayer for their People; muft carry all their Cafes to God. They muft confefs and bewail their Sins before God, and intreat God to fpare them, Joel 2. 17. Yea they muft do this, when God feems to be ready to deftroy them: Minifters may not hide themfelves in the Day of God's Anger. Minifters muft plead with God for all the Mercies their People want; and efpecially for the Graces of his Holy Spirit upon them.

Minifters muft be well acquainted with the State of their Flocks, Prov. 27. 23. That they may fuit their Prayers to their various Circumftances.

And at the fame time that Minifters are thus wrefling in Prayer, a People muft alfo lift up holy Hands to God, and labour earneftly in Prayer for their Minifters and themfelves. It is not enough that you put up fome

cold Petitions for your Minifters on Lord's Days; and yet perhaps this is more than many, who would be accounted Christians, do. You muft wrefle in Prayer for them that God would be with them; direct, affift, fecceed and prosper them in their Work; and this fhould be Matter of your daily Prayer, both in the Clofet and Family; fo alfo how earneft muft you be in Prayer for yourfelves, that God would keep you from Sin, and guide you in the Paths of Life and Peace.

But as Minifters and People ftand in different Relations to one another, it concerns them to ftrove in different ways to forward and fucceed the Miniftry.

1. Then, as to Minifters they muft take much Pains to be furnifhed with Knowledge for their Work. They muft give themfelves to reading, and attend continually upon thefe Things, 1 Tim. 4. 13. & 15. That they may handle the Word of God skilfully, and be Workmen that need not be afhamed, 2 Tim. 2. 15. They muft convince Gainfayers, Tit. 1. 9. and give to every one his portion in due Seafon, which they never can do unlefs they are Men of Knowledge and acquainted with Learning of diverfe Sorts. It is in vain for Minifters to pretend they need not take Pains for their Difcourfes; and that the Spirit of God will fuggeft Truths while they are fpeaking. We are not fo to expect the Affiftance of the Spirit at the prefent day. We muft fearch out acceptable Words, Eccl. 12. 10. However Men of fuch a Stamp who defpife humane Learning and Study may be admired and followed when Men are over heated with Zeal; it is certain they cannot laft long; and in a little Time their Folly will be known to all Men; and the World will as much defpife them as now they admire and carefs them. A Minifter may at fome Times have a call to enter into the desk with but little previous Meditation & Preparation; but always to do this is Prefumption and inexcusable Arrogance.

And while we are composing our Sermons, we muft endeavour to fuit them to the Confciencces of Men, and not to their itching Ears; We muft ftrove for fuch Words as will awaken Mens Hopes and Fears, and make them engaged for the Salvation of their Souls; and not ftudy for polifhed Words and Ftrains of Rhetorick, which will foar above Mens Understandings, and make no lafting Impreffion upon their Souls.

—And not only muft Minifters ftrove to compofe their Sermons well; but muft take Pains in the delivery of them. I fhall not pretend to determine whether it ought to be with or without reading their written Notes: I think there is much needlefs Difpute in this Matter: and after all there is Liberty of Confcience. But let the Way and Manner be what it will, Minif-

ters muſt ſpeak in the Name of God and with Authority. Their Words their Geſture, and very countenance muſt diſcover them in earneſt for the Salvation of Souls. Miniſters muſt not be cold and lifeleſs in the Desk; but ſhould be Flames of Fire, Heb. 1. 7. When they addreſs themſelves to Sinners they muſt be Sons of Thunder, denouncing the Terrors of the Law in ſuch a Manner that Fear and Trembling may take hold on them. And when they ſpeak to awakened and waery Sinners, it muſt be with ſuch tenderneſs and Compaſion that they may be drawn to Chriſt for Life and Reſt, If Miniſters are cold and lifeleſs in their Delivery, they will make careleſs and dead Hearers.

So alſo they muſt take much Pains in their publick Prayers and manifeſt ſuch earneſtneſs and ſo ſuit themſelves to the State of their Flocks, that they may command the Attention of the People. And in all their Converſation they muſt endeavor ſo to behave themſelves, ſo to teach, exhort, and reprove Men privately that all may profit by them as well as in their publick Miniſtry.

2. On the other hand a People muſt (according to the Relation they ſtand in to Miniſters) take much Pains that the Miniſtry may be ſucceeded. A People muſt then take due Care to attain to a ſuitable preaching of the Word of God. You muſt break up the fallow ground of your Hearts, Jer. 4.

3. That the Seed to be ſown may be received into good Ground. If you come to the publick Worſhip without any Preparation of Soul, you cannot expect to profit by what is delivered to you: It will be no more than a dead letter. And is not this one great Reaſon why Multitudes have heard Thouſands of Sermons, and never profited by them? If Hearers do not awake the Powers of their Souls with Meditation and Prayer to hear the Word preached, Miniſters may ordinarily preach to dead Walls and lifeleſs Images, to as much Advantage.

You muſt alſo embrace all Opportunities to hear the Word preached, and not neglect aſſembling your ſelves together, Heb. 10. 25. What will all the Study and Pains of a Miniſter avail, if you will not attend upon their Miniſtry. You muſt willingly miſs no Opportunity of hearing, leſt you miſs of ſome Truth that might awaken convince and comfort your Souls.

And you muſt ſtrive to hear aright what is preached to you, Mar. 4. 24. You muſt take Pains to underſtand it, and not allow your Tho'ts to wander to the Ends of the Earth; nor your ſelves drowned in Sleep, while Truths of the greateſt Importance are delivered to you.

And you muſt take much Pains to treaſure up in your Memories; that you may pray over what you hear. It is unhappily the Cafe of many Hear-

ers, they never carry any Thing from the Houfe of God. But would you profit by the Miniftry, you muft often think of what you hear, and pray over it, that God would blefs it to your Salvation.

And you muft be careful to practice what you hear from Time to Time; otherwife it will be of no Advantage to you. Mat. 7. 24—27. Many think if they hear good Difcourfes and commend them they anfwer their Duty; and are eafy if they never put them in Practice; but the End of Hearing is to Practice; and how careful fhould you be to Practice what you hear, left the wicked One take it from you.

And to fum up all here with refpect to a Peuple, would you ftirve together with Minifters to promote their Miniftry; you muft govern your own Families. And herein you will make their Work much eafier, and more happy; Hereby you may do much towards the Peace of a Church, and flourifhing of Religion; but if you are negligent in this Point, you will ley a Foundation for Rebellion & Trouble in the Church. If Children are not bound to obey at Home, they will not fubmit either to Minifters or Magiftrates. It is what God mentions of Abraham to his Honour, that he governed his Houfehold, Gen. 18. 19. And a Want of this has been the Caufe of fo much Trouble and Vexation to Minifters and fuch a World of Diforder and Confufion in Church & State. Would you then help and encourage Minifters of the Gofpel, you muft train up your Children in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord.

Thirdly, Proceed we now to give fome Reafons of the Doctrine.

1. Then, when we confider how very great and noble the Ends and Defigns of the Miniftry are: it is enough to animate Minifters and People to do all they can to promote the fame; Now thefe are nothing fhort of the Glory of God, and the eternal well being of immortal Souls. What can we better employ our souls about, and fpend our Strength for, than thefe? Thefe are worthy our higheft Ambition, and well deferue our warmeft Endeavours. Can we do to much for God's Honour, or the Salvation of our own Souls? And thefe are what the Miniftry is aiming at

2. The greateft and weightinefs of this Work of the Miniftry calls for the mutual Endeavors of Minifters and People. Have Minifters fo much upon their Hands, and will they not be concerned to accomplifh the fame? Can they loiter and indulge Sloth? And have a People any Pity for Minifters, and know how great a Burden they fuftain, can they refufe to affift, encourage and ftrenghen them? God commanded his People to help even an Af labouring under a Burden, Ex. 23. 5. And can you omit bearing with the Minifters, and ftirving with them?



3. The fucceefs of the Miniftry depends very much upon the joint Endeavors of Minifters and People to promote it. What can either Minifters or People do alone? If Minifters are zealous and laborious in their Work; yet if a People remain carelefs & slothful, they will have Reafon to complain they labour in vain: So, if a People are ftriving in Prayer, and Minifters are void of Life, there will be but little Fruit: But when they both unite their Endeavors and Prayers, there is a Profpect of a glorious Harvest.

4. The Confideration that Minifters are employed to advance the Kingdom of our Lord Jefus Chrift, ought to invigorate Minifters and People to ufe their beft Endeavors and promote the Miniftry. If we have any Love to the Lord Jefus Chrift, who has loved us to the Death, fhall we not feek the Advancement of his Kingdom of Peace in the World? His Government is moft happy & reafonable: His Laws are all juft and good. And fhall we not feek to promote fuch a Kingdom in the World? Which the more it prevails, the more happy it will make Men; for his Yoke is eafy, and his Burden light, Mat. 29. 30.

5. Have Minifters and People any Love to the Spirit of God, they will ftrive together. If they have any Defire to feel the bleffed influences of the Spirit of God upon their own Hearts; or do they long to fee the bleffed Fruits and Effects of it upon the Souls of others, they will ftrive together herefor; The more faithful and labourious Minifters are, and the more a People ftrive to profit, fo much the more is the good Spirit of God cherifhed amongft a People: But if Minifters are unfaithful, and a People are carelefs and flothful, they will quench the Spirit of God, and drive him from them.

6. The perfect circumftances of Religion in the Country require the moft vigorous Endeavors of Minifters and People to fupport the fame. God has been pleafed remarkably to revive his Works in our Land: But by Reafon of the Imprudence and over heated Zeal of one Set of Men; and the Coldnefs and Indifference of another towards Religion; it is dying in many Parts of the Land; and we are in the utmoft Danger of falling into the wildeft Confufion in our religious Affairs. Some are haftening on the greateft Extravagance in Religion, and others growing into a Coldnefs and Contempt of the Work of God. And it is now high Time for Minifters and People to ufe their beft Endeavors to guard Religion, and fave themfelves from the approaching Calamities?

7. Both Minifters and People are accountable to Chrift their Judge for what they do. We muft all ftand before the Judgment Seat of Chrift.



Rom. 14. 10. And must give an account of ourselves, ver. 12. Ministers for what they have preached, and you for what you have heard, and how you have profited by it: And what Account can we give, if we have not done our Endeavors to advance the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ? If Ministers are not faithful to this charge their Trust, and a People don't take Care to profit under their Ministry, how amazing will their account be?

What remains is to apply What has been said to Ministers and People.

USE I. Of Information. And what you have heard shews you how falsely they judge of Things, who envy Ministers their Work because it is attended with greater Ease than other Employments. They know not what Trials and Sorrows they are exercised with, who attend upon the Ministry: While you eat and sleep sweetly, Ministers feed upon the Bread of Tears, and Sleep flies from them: They have Agonies and Struggles which the World know not of.

So also what has been said shews us what Reason both Ministers and People have for Humiliation and Self-Abasement: We have all done too little for Christ: Have not stroven together as we ought to have done; The best and most faithful Ministers have Reason to be ashamed they have stroven no more to advance the Kingdom of Christ, and the Salvation of Souls and may justly say, they have been unprofitable Servants, Luk. 17. 10. And that People who have strove most to advance the Kingdom of Christ, and the Salvation of their Souls, may justly say in many Things we have offended all, Jam 3. 2.

We may also from what has been said, account for it that the Ministry is attended with no better Success. Ministers and People don't strive together, and are not suitably concerned to promote Religion; would they stir up themselves and put their Hands to the Work, would not a merciful God do for them what they can't do themselves?

We also learn from what has been said it should be Matter of great rejoicing, when God pours out his Spirit, to both Ministers & People, for now Ministers may expect much Success in their Work, and a People hope for the Salvation of Souls. So on the other Hand how should they mourn when God takes away his Spirit from them; for then Ministers will labour very much in vain; and a People will grow cold, and draw back in Religion.

USE. II. Of Direction to Ministers and People. Would They mutually strive together:

1. Let both Ministers and People endeavor to entertain just Thoughts

of one another. It has too often happened because Ministers and a People have entertained wrong Thoughts of each other, in a little Time they have fallen into a shameful coldness and indifferency towards each other: Thus a People sometimes when they call a Minister among them exalt him above Measure; and scarcely will allow humane Frailties in him; But this is only to prepare him for the greater Fall: Like a Pendulum the farther it is stretched on one side; will in its return swing as far on the opposite Side. And even such a People are commonly as ready to debase him as before to exalt him. Let a People therefore look upon their Minister as a Man of the same Passions and Infirmities with themselves; and expect he will fail in some Things as well as they.

So let a Minister look upon his People as Men who have many Reminders of Corruption, from whom he must expect to receive Injuries and Abuses, Ministers have sometimes been ready to look upon their People wholly free from these Things, and when they have evilly intreated them, have been ready to sink under it.

2. Let Ministers and People take pains to grow and increase in their Love for one another; and then they will strive together; and will not oppose one another.

Ministers must love their People as their special Charge, whose Souls they are accountable for. And if they perish thro' their Neglect, they must answer for them to God. And let a People look upon their Ministers as special blessings bestowed by Christ the great Head of the Church, Eph. 4. 11. 12. 13. and a People ought to love them in a high Degree as such.

3. Would Ministers and People strive together, let them learn to bear with and cover over one another's Failings. A Minister must be very sparing in spreading abroad the Weakness or Sins of his People; and a People must always conceal as much as possible the Infirmities of their Ministers. Let not the Failings of Ministers be the Subject of your Conversation, and the News you carry abroad with you. A want of this mutual bearing between Ministers and People has greatly hindered the Ministry and the Salvation of Souls.

4. Let Ministers and People make the Advancement of Religion their great Business. Both Ministers and People are too cold in the Service of Christ, by Reason of their being too much engaged in worldly Affairs. A People think hard to support the Ministry, and do much to promote it; because they are more concerned to promote something else. Now if the Advancement of Christ's Kingdom lies nearest the Hearts of Ministers and People, they will strive together.

USE. III. Of Motive to Ministers and People to strive together. And  
 1. Let us all consider how much the Lord Jesus Christ has done for us. He freely undertook for our Redemption; left the Glories of Heaven; came down and dwelt in Flesh; He who was rich emptied himself and became poor, that we might be made rich, 2 Cor. 8. 9. He obeyed the Law which we had broke; and has paid the Debt we owed to Divine Justice. He suffered the shameful and cruel Death of the Cross, and is ascended into Heaven, ther to make Intercession for Sinners: And now can we be unwilling to do all we can for Christ. who has done so much for us?

2. Let Ministers and People consider how awful it will be to perish after they have lived under the Gospel, the one preaching and the other hearing the glad Tidings of Salvation Barely preaching the Word of God, or hearing the Gospel preached, will not intitle Men to Salvation; and many who now preach, and hear the Gospel preached, will another Day hear Christ say to them, I know you not, Mat. 7. 22. 23. Luk. 13. 25. But can Ministers or People bear the Thots of being thus disowned by Christ.

3. Often think what Joy and Satisfaction it will yield you in the great Day of Accounts to be found together at the right Hand of Christ. What pleasure will it be to Ministers to see in that Day great Numbers of their People, whom they travailed in Birth for, standing with them at the right Hand of Christ clothed in white Raiment, This will afford mutual and inexpressible Joy to Ministers and People.

To conclude, Let us all keep in view the Glories of the upper World, and that unspeakable Reward which will be given both to Ministers and People who are faithful and strive together to promote the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Eye has not seen, nor Ear heard, nor can it enter into our Hearts to conceive of the great Things God has prepared for such, 1 Cor. 2. 9. And both Ministers and People who strive together to promote the Kingdom of Christ: and are made the happy Instruments of recovering Souls from Sin to God, will shine as the Brightness of the Firmament, and as the Stars for ever and ever."

The charge was given Mr. Norton by Rev. Benjamin Doolittle and was as follows:

"When our blessed Lord ascended up on high, he gave Gifts to Men; and this was one of the precious gifts of our ascended Redeemer, even a settled Ministry, an Order of Men separated and ordained to the Office and Work of the Gospel Ministry, to teach and instruct Men in the Way of Salvation: And God having in his wise Providence inclined the Hearts of this

People, to call you to this great and good Work among them; and your's also to accept their Invitation: We the Elders and Messengers now present, being satisfied of your Gifts and Qualifications therefor, do now heartily join together to separate and ordain you to the Gospel Ministry according to Christ's Appointment, and particularly a Pastor over this Church, whose Call you have now accepted: And we give thee Charge in the Sight of God, and before our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the Quick and the Dead, at his Appearing and Kingdom, to take the Oversight thereof, not for filthy Lucre sake; but of a ready Mind. And we trust the great Lord of the Harvest will be with you; who calls you to Labour in his Vineyard, and make you an able, faithful, and successful Minister of the New Testament.

And we solemnly Charge you before God, to preach the Word; be instant in Season, and out of Season: Reprove, Rebuke, Exhort, with all Long suffering and Doctrine.

Take Care to show thyself approved, a Workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth; and give to every one his Portion in due Season. Give Attendance to Reading, to Exhortation, to Doctrine; holding fast the faithful Word as thou hast been taught, according to the Scriptures of Truth; that thou mayst be able to exhort and convince Gainfayers.

Take care also to instruct the ignorant, convince the erroneous; contend earnestly for the Faith once delivered to the Saints: You must rebuke the obstinate, and comfort the feeble minded.

Make full Proof of thy Ministry: Meditate upon these Things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all Men.

Take heed to thyself, and thy Doctrine; that thou mayst both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

You must pray for this People both in publick and private and be their daily Intercessor at the Throne of Grace.

Do thou also now receive Authority to administer the Sacraments, and Seals of the New Testament, to persons suitably qualified: taking Care always to distinguish between the precious and the vile; remembering that Holiness becomes God's House for ever.

Unto thee are now committed the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven the Key of Doctrine, and the Key of Discipline; them that Sin rebuke before all.

And we now solemnly Charge thee before the great GOD, the Lord Jesus

Christ, and the elect Angels, that thou observe these Things without preferring one before another; doing nothing by Partiality: keep thy self pure.

Let no Man despise thee; but be thou an Example to the Believers, in Word, in Conversation, in Charity, in Spirit, in Faith, in Purity.

Consider also that a Bishop must be blameless, and the Servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle towards all Men.

He must be patient, in Meekness instructing those that oppose themselves, if peradventure God may give them Repentance to the acknowledgement of the Truth.

Carefully thus feed the Flock of CHRIST now committed to your Charge; not as being a Lord over God's Heritage, but as an example to the Flock: And when our blessed Lord, the great Shepherd shall appear you shall receive a Crown of Glory that fadeth not away.

The Right Hand of Fellowship was given by Rev. Joseph Ashley:

*Dear Sir,*

We now declare you a Minister of JESUS CHRIST, and a Pastor of this Church, over which you have now received a solemn Charge, regularly introduced into the Ministry, and consecrated thereto as GOD, Angels, and this Assembly now Witness; and therefore with hearty Affection we now receive you into the Fellowship of our Ministry; and acknowledge you as a Brother and Fellow Labourer therein; which being attended with many and great Difficulties, we may justly say with the Apostle, Who is sufficient for these Things? There is also much Need of the mutual Prayers and Assistance of all employed in the Ministry; and therefore we both promise the same to you; and expect it from you: And as a Testimony hereof we give you our Right Hand ever wishing Grace, Mercy and Peace from God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, may be multiplied to you, and this little Flock, over which the Holy Ghost has now made you an Overseer.

Mr. Norton's ministry lasted about four years, when he was asked to "remove from the Ministry in this town for the present," probably on account of the wars which were then beginning, a request with which he complied. From this time until 1761, there was no settled minister in the place, although from the records we learn that the pulpit was occasionally supplied, Rev. Mr. Ashley having preached several times, also others. The Indians were constantly harassing the settlers, and carried on a continuous warfare until 1760. For twenty-two years our forefathers were subjected to pri-



ventions, toils and sufferings, of which we, in our present peaceful homes, can form no accurate idea, homes too, that were obtained only through their courage, perseverance and blood.

In April, 1760, the Proprietors voted "to chose a Committee to see that the meeting house be not burned or otherwise damaged." The reason of this vote was found in the fact that hunters frequently set fires in the forest for the purpose of starting game, and in this way often burned over many acres, sometimes endangering dwellings.

In January, 1761, a call was given to Rev. Job Wright (Mr. Norton being then settled over a parish in Connecticut.) He accepted, and, at the age of twenty-three, was ordained, in July, 1761. His salary was fixed at 66£ 13s. 4d., and 133£ 6s. 8d., as settlement money.

In 1768, the question of moving the meeting house was agitated. As the west part of the town became more thickly settled, such inhabitants felt that their convenience ought to be consulted in some degree. Practically the town was divided into two districts, each striving for the supremacy. They were unable to reach a decision at that time, although a committee was appointed. In 1772, the subject was revived and a committee chosen "from abroad." The gentlemen constituting this committee were Capt. Joseph Root of Montague, Capt. Nathaniel Dwight of Belchertown and Capt. William Lyman of Northfield. They, having no personal interests to consult, chose a spot about half a mile south of the original site, near the house recently owned by Albert Chapin, and thither the building was removed in December. As the original records put it, "Mr. Samuel Connable Shall have the whole ordering of the affair with respect to drawing the meeting house." It was moved whole, by means of capstans and rollers, and by men alone, the time occupied being about a month. The ground over which it was moved was hilly and rough, ill suited in every way for such a work, and much credit was due Mr. Connable's mechanical skill in bringing the affair to so successful a termination. One of the powerful agencies in olden times is shown by the following: "1772, Voted, that Major John Burk be allowed for the rum he has found the Town while drawing the Meeting house."



Plan

At the Meeting House in Barnardston that stood near the late residence of Rev. J. H. Rogers.

N <sup>o</sup> 18 Abm Wright 2 Dec	N <sup>o</sup> 16 Dan P. Snow	N <sup>o</sup> 14	Pulpit	N <sup>o</sup> 13	N <sup>o</sup> 15	N <sup>o</sup> 17
N <sup>o</sup> 20 J Hale— J Smith Wm Newcomb 10 Dec						N <sup>o</sup> 19 J Sanderson
N <sup>o</sup> 22	N <sup>o</sup> 18 C. Remonding 16	N <sup>o</sup> 2 Cm G. Allens		N <sup>o</sup> 1 C Remonding J Hastings	N <sup>o</sup> 7	N <sup>o</sup> 21
	N <sup>o</sup> 10 May Webster 15	N <sup>o</sup> 4 Lt J Hale		N <sup>o</sup> 3 W G Rhyther 7	N <sup>o</sup> 9 M Scott	East Door
N <sup>o</sup> 30	N <sup>o</sup> 12 O Coolley 3.50.	N <sup>o</sup> 6 D Newcomb 12		N <sup>o</sup> 5 George Remonding 14 Jm Bush— Angele Scott R. G. G. Scott	N <sup>o</sup> 11 J. G. G. G. to Dec	N <sup>o</sup> 29
	N <sup>o</sup> 24 Dost Chapin	N <sup>o</sup> 26 G. H. H. H.	South	N <sup>o</sup> 23 Jm Holden 9-75.	N <sup>o</sup> 25 Jm A. Allen 2	N <sup>o</sup> 27

The meeting house now stood about fifty rods west of the Rev. Job Wright's residence, and here it remained until 1791, in the meantime having the interior nearly finished. In 1779, it was voted to nail up the windows, put on the boards that had come off the building to "make it more comfortable," also that "ye windows in the lower part to be made so as to slip up."

As the town grew and became more evenly populated, the question of a second remove was brought forward, and in 1788 a committee was appointed to determine the center of the town. March, 1791, saw a new location agreed upon, and 150£ raised to carry on the work of removal, the money to be payable in beef, wheat, rye, Indian corn, flour, wood, neat cattle and sheep at current cash prices. This time the building was taken down, moved, and put up again in the same shape and size. Deacon Jonathan Sheldon, Hezekiah Newcomb, Esq., and Mr. James Couch were the ones having the matter in charge. At this time Rev. Amasa Cook was pastor and "for the convenience of a Common around the House of public worship," he deeded June 2, 1794, one acre, two roods and 34 perches of land whereon the meeting house stood, to the church and society. This plot was bounded north by land of Barnice Foot, west by town road, and east by his own land. This was the first recorded gift to the society.

Reference to the plan on the following page will show its location more definitely. Just the reason for the making of this plan must remain a matter of conjecture. It is of interest to us in that it reveals the location of some of the roads, and the names by which they were then known, and gives a definite location to the two then existing "Meeting houses," also the saw and grist mill at the village. This plan, protracted March 26, 1795, is found in Vol. 12, p. 1 of the Mass. State Archives.

It was now located near the point of intersection of three roads, and near the subsequent residence of two of its ministers, Revs. Cook and Rogers. It was finished off inside, and furnished with a pulpit and thirty square pews. There was also a gallery for the accommodation of the choir and children. The latter were not allowed places by their parents, that being considered highly improper. They were accordingly placed in the gallery, the boys on

Leyden

a Barron Ridge.

Branch

Mountain.

Stage Road leading to Dartmouth College.

a Stream known by the name of

about three rods wide

to the River

Road to Meeting House



Meeting House!



Baptist Meeting House

- + Saw Mill
- + F. "
- + Grist "

Country Road to Northfield

Country Road to Lee

Marshall's Township  
Barnard



one side, the girls on the other, and order was enforced by the tithingman. Whether the younger portion of the congregation gleaned more of benefit from the sermons of those days and under such discipline, is an ethical problem easily solved in most minds. Among Lt. Gov. Cushman's papers is found this comment on the structure:

"The meeting house, as at last completed, had one appendage which we, in this possibly degenerate age (?) have entirely omitted. I refer to the circular 'Sounding Board' suspended over the preacher's head in the pulpit. I remember it well in my early days, the very natural inquiry for what possible purpose that could be placed there. And the only satisfactory answer (the science of acoustics I was not quite old enough to then understand) was, that if the Minister did not preach sound doctrine, it would fall on him and crush him to atoms! How far it kept the clergy of that period from the adoption of any heresy, neither the church records nor the traditions of the times give any reliable information."

For thirty-three years the meeting house remained untouched by the builders' hand, except that, in accordance with a vote passed in 1794, it was "colored yellow."

In 1782, at his own request, Rev. Mr. Wright was dismissed, and Lt. John Severance, Deacon Zebulon Allen, Capt. Nathaniel Cushman, Mr. Sheldon, James Couch, Elijah Sheldon and Capt. Joseph Slate were chosen a committee to determine with Mr. Wright his terms of dismissal; a further account of this will be found latter on in his biography. The Council for his dismissal met March 13, 1782, and "dissolved the union between the Rev. Job Wright and the Church of Christ in Bernardston," where Mr. Wright had been pastor for 21 years. His successor was Rev. Amasa Cook; whose answer to the call extended is as follows, and now for the first time do we find the name "Church" applied.

*"To the Church of Christ in Bernardston.*

As you under your present circumstances, being destitute of any spiritual guide or Teacher regularly settled over you in the Lord have been pleased to Manifest a good and Laudable disposition for a regular resettlement of the Gospel in the Ordinances thereof among you, according to the Gospel rule & the usage of the standing churches in this Land, you did at a meeting held on the 8th day of Sept. A. D. 1783, elect me as your pastor & gave me a call to settle among you in the work of the Gospel Ministry.

And as the other inhabitants of the said town of Bernardston in Legal Town meeting, on the 15th day of September, A. D. 1783, concurred with you in making choice of me to serve as a Gospel Minister in this Town, and have shewed a commendable disposition freely to contribute of their Temporalities to the support & Maintenance of the Gospel Ministry.

Brothers of the Church and other inhabitants of said Town, I cannot but acknowledge the great respect and high esteem that you have herein manifested for me, unequal as I know I feel myself to be for such an Important undertaking; what you have done has Commanded my most Serious attention. I have advised with my friends upon the subject, and after the most deliberate and mature consideration, depending entirely upon the Grace and strength of Christ to qualify me to the right discharge of the work to which I am now called, Provided that the Town without any care of mine provide me with 40 cords of fire wood annually so long as I shall continue to be Minister in said Town. the other articles which the town have voted considering their circumstances and the difficulties of the times, I am satisfied with, in case the salary be paid me annually while I shall continue your minister, Providing this my answer shall be accepted by both Church and Town, I do consent and agree to settle with you in the work of the Ministry, who am with sincere love and esteem, yours to serve in the Lord.

AMASA COOK.

Bernardston, Oct. 17, 1783.

To the Church of Christ and other inhabitants of the Town of Bernardston &c."

December, 1803, it was voted to number the pews in the meeting house, and that it should be done in the presence of the meeting.

In 1805, Mr. Cook was dismissed with some difficulty, and in 1809, the Rev. Timothy Rogers was settled. The names of those persons who attended the town meeting called to consider the settlement of Mr. Rogers were as follows. They are given as showing who some of the residents of the place were at that time:

Dr. S. Prentiss.	Eben S. Field.	James Couch.
Thomas Snow.	Capt. Joseph Slate.	Thomas W. Ripley.
Joseph Sanderson.	Dr. C. Chapin.	Daniel Loomis.
Lt. M. Squires.	Dea. J. Field.	Tim. Sheldon.
William Newcomb.	George Parmenter.	Capt. Jonathan Slate.
Israel Slate.	E. Parmenter.	Elias Parmenter.
Ensign G. Alexander.	Tim. Slate.	Major S. Webster.

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John Purple.	Major S. Root.	Gideon Ryther.
Dea. P. Snow.	John Hale.	Ezra Connable.
Lt. T. Hale.	Joel Smith.	P. Newcomb.
Thomas L. Edwards.	N. Fox.	Moses Scott.
Simon Edwards.	John Burke.	David Dennison.
Samuel Williams.	Ralph Cushman.	Chester Wright.
Dalton Newcomb.	Simeon Alger.	Joel Warner.
Joseph Smith.	E. Chamberlain.	Capt. Chapin.
Jona. Allen.	Ezra Purple.	R. Hastings.
David Ryther.	C. Hastings.	Gamaliel Kingsley.

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Timothy F. Rogers, to the Church and Society in Bernardston.

*"Brethren and beloved.*

Your attention and candor, your kindness and liberality towards me, merit my grateful acknowledgments and strongly attach me to you. The recent exertions which have been made in my favor, will, I hope, justify me in accepting your invitation and enable me to devote myself to the work to which you have called me. This is infinitely important. Who is adequate to the discharge of the arduous and solemn duties of the Christian Ministry! I am not sufficient of myself; my sufficiency must come of God. Go to Him, my brethren, and pray for me. If God Almighty own and strengthen and guide me, then will I lead you, and guide you to Jesus.

Bernardfton, 24th, July, 1809."

In 1824, settlements had been made so as to bring the centre of population nearer to the present village, and as the church was in some degree removed, it was again taken down and rebuilt on its present site, Major Orra Sheldon being the architect and builder. It was dedicated Jan. 12th, 1825, a sermon was preached from Romans xv. 5-6-7 verses by the pastor, Rev. T. F. Rogers, under whose teachings the society changed from the Calvinistic to the Unitarian doctrine. At this time the belfry was added, and in June, 1824, it was voted to purchase a bell. The next year, 1825, it was voted to exchange the bell, although no cause for so doing is recorded. Yet it is probable that its being imperfect may have been the motive, for from the Gazette and Herald, under date of August, 1828, we learn that the bell was purchased of Revere & Co. of Boston, but the tone was never considered satisfactory. Owing to the failure of the firm from whom the purchase was made, no exchange was possible. In May, 1828, close observation revealed a small crack in the side of the bell where the tongue struck. A

genius of the place proposed to remedy this, and with that in view, cut out the crack about one-half an inch in width, and it was claimed that the bell was as good as new. The records show that in 1829 it was proposed to raise money by subscription, and to add to the avails of the broken bell and procure another as large as the fund would buy. P. L. Cushman, Hatsell Purple and Oliver Root were to superintend the hanging of the bell. This bell is the one in present use.

To Rev. Mr. Rogers must also be given the honor of founding the Sunday School library. He originated the idea and gave five dollars as a nucleus of the library fund, and asked the society to contribute the sum of ten dollars, which they did. In 1847, — Snow, Col. Ferry, I. K. Brown, J. F. Hale and Zenas Cutler were appointed a committee to investigate and report whatever repairs were needful, and a second committee consisting of Dalton Newcomb, J. F. Hale, Jason Brown, John Sanderson and Daniel Slate was chosen to make all such repairs as the judgment of the first named committee might deem advisable.

On the second committee Mr. Sanderson declined to serve and the Hon. Henry W. Cushman was chosen in his stead.

The interior of the building was essentially altered by the removal of the circular gallery, the high pulpit and the division of the large room into two, the upper one being fitted for an auditorium, while the lower one was to be sometime finished as a vestry, at this time it was left very plain. The building was re-dedicated, Oct. 31, 1850, with a sermon by Rev. John F. Moors—then of Deerfield—text, John xvii-3. This dedicatory sermon, also that preached by Rev. Mr. Rogers, is in print. In 1852, a reed organ was purchased, which did good service for a number of years. In 1871 it was replaced by a double bank pipe organ of sweet tone.

In 1879, the building underwent another season of change according to the plans of Messrs Almon Newcomb, P. L. Cushman and N. S. Cutler, this time more especially in the interior. An addition was placed upon the south end, making room for the organ and choir behind the pulpit, while the vestry downstairs gave way to the pleasant Sunday School rooms, parlor, kitchen, etc. Could the original builders of the church view it to-day with its



modern conveniences and comforts, great would be their astonishment, and with their strict puritanical ideas, it would be doubtful if they would consider some of our modern places of worship as justifying the end sought. When we consider that in former times such a thing as *heating* the House of God was unheard of, the difference between past and present, is the more striking. The nearest neighbors were expected to furnish coals for the foot stoves at noon during the moderately cold weather, while in midwinter, when the cold was too intense, services were held at private dwellings, and at the annual town meetings, places were appointed for that purpose. Many such obvious comparisons might be depicted would space permit.

The next record of any gift to this society, aside from Mr. Rogers' contribution to the library fund, is dated Nov. 21, 1828, when the society voted to "accept of the *Present* made by Miss Rachael C. Purple, which was a note held by her father, John Purple, against this parish at his decease, valued at \$87.10."

In 1850, at the time of the re-dedication of the church, the society was most generously remembered by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Perkins of Hartford with a large and beautiful bible for their desk, and by Hon. Edward Epps Powers of Columbus, Ga., with a silver communion service. Upon the acquisition of the latter, the old service was donated to their Methodist brethren, and is used by them at the present time. How this first service was procured the records are silent.

In July, 1880, Rev. J. B. Green, a former pastor, caused to be placed upon the walls of the parlor a handsomely framed portrait of Channing, the Eminent Unitarian Divine. Other portraits now ornament the walls, being gifts of different friends interested in the welfare of the society.

In Lt. Gov. Cushman's death the church lost one of its most able supports. His interest in his church he demonstrated by his bountiful remembrance of her needs. In his will he bequeathed his residence, valued at \$4000, to the society for a parsonage, also fifty shares in the Franklin County National Bank, valued at \$5000 par, and \$500 to be called the Cushman Library Fund. The Bank shares were to be called the Cushman Religious Fund, the income



to be used for the support of an able pastor, provided the society shall annually raise not less than \$200. Thus the church as well as the town has good reason to hold in grateful remembrance one of her illustrious sons.

In Mr. J. P. Hale, late of New York, is recognized another of the benefactors, not only of this society, but in some degree of all in town. April 2, 1871, he gave to the Sunday school the sum of \$100 to be used to replenish its library. Several years ago he gave the income of \$1000, to be devoted to the maintenance of an annual "union picnic," and at his decease it was found that to the society with which he was wont to worship in former days, he had bequeathed the sum of \$10,000. From such examples ought not all to learn "To crowd the narrow span of life with wise designs and virtuous deeds."

Just who were the original members of this church it is difficult to determine. The earliest records now extant are embodied in the first town records, and there being at that time but the one society, all were taxed alike for its support. The earliest church record comes down to us in the call for a council to settle Rev. T. F. Rogers, Sept. 19, 1809. The church being called the Church of Christ. The treasurer's book of accounts commences March, 1817, at the time of the separation of church and town affairs. The first record of the first clerk, Elijah A. Gould, Jan. 29, 1817, is for a call for a meeting of the "Congregational Society to assemble at S. Perrins' Inn." The first mention in the society records of the word Unitarian is in a call June 1, 1835, for a meeting of the proprietors of the pews in the Unitarian church. That name was retained until 1842, when the name of the First Congregational society again appears. In the warrant for the meeting in 1850, the name is Unitarian Congregational society. Afterwards, for some years it is given as the Unitarian society. The name Congregational Unitarian society appears in 1855, for that year only. From that time the name First Congregational, or Unitarian society, was used up to the time of the final settlement of the name as "Congregational Unitarian Society" by act of the Legislature, Feb. 19, 1891.

At the first parish meeting held March 3, 1817, Job Goodale, Caleb Chapin and Major Samuel Root were chosen a committee to select



*J. P. Hale*

ONE OF BENEDICTSON'S BENEFACTORS.



those papers relative to the concerns of the first parish, now in the hands of the town treasurer, Ralph Cushman, and transfer them to Z. C. Newcomb, the parish treasurer. In a warrant for the March meeting held that year is found an article to see if the society would examine the expediency of holding parish meetings separately from the town meetings, but the minutes of the meeting state that it was voted to pass over this article. If the early records were kept apart from the town records it is to be deeply regretted that they were not more carefully preserved. The first existing record upon the parish register bears the date of Jan. 29, 1817, at which time the society had had an existence of 75 years.

In 1783, the vote for Rev. Mr. Cook is on file as follows:

## Yeas.

Remembrance Sheldon.	Capt. Cushman.	Capt. Moses Scott.
Daniel Loomis.	James Couch.	Aaron Field.
Capt. Joseph Slate.	Capt. Caleb Chapin.	Hezekiah Chapin.
Samuel Connable, Jr.	Benjamin Green, Jr.	Daniel Slate.
Joseph Denio.	Lt. Joel Chapin.	Jesse Field.
John Foster.	Thomas Edwards.	John Pinks.
Joseph Hale.	Joseph Allen.	Moses Scott, Jr.
Elisha B. Sheldon.	Samuel Hastings.	Lt. Jona. Slate.
Reuben Ingram	William Newcomb.	Elias Parmenter.
Ebenezer Slate.	Ensign John Connable.	Lt. Michael Frizzell.
Stephen Webster, Jr.	Joseph Atherton.	John Burke, Jr.
William Hawes.	Prince Snow.	Lt. Ezekiel Foster.
William Fox.	Reuben Frizzell.	Calvin Bliss.
Seba Allen.	William Orris.	Israel Bagg.
Doctor Cushman.	Hezekiah Newcomb.	David Rider, Jr.
Lt. Nehemiah Andros.	Lt. Jona. Severance.	Jona. Hurlbert.
John Burk.	Asaph Allen.	

## Nays.

Zebulon Allen.	Elijah Sheldon.	Capt. Amasa Sheldon.
Jonathan Sheldon.	Caleb Sheldon.	Elijah Kingsley.

In all, fifty for and six against the vote.

If the above were not all actually church members, they were probably so connected with the parish as to be considered as having a legal voice in the government.

In February, 1891, by act of the Legislature, the name of the society was changed to "Congregational Unitarian Society of Bernardston," thus legalizing all bequests as well as proving itself an incorporated society.

Rev. John Norton, born November 16, 1715, in the parish of Kensington, then a part of Farmington, now within the present town of Berlin, Ct., was the fourth son and child of John and Anna (Thompson) Norton of Kensington, grandson of John and Ruth (Moore) Norton of Farmington, and great grandson of John and Elizabeth Norton of Branford, Ct. The family is of Norman descent, and the first of the name La Seur Norville (afterward changed to Norton), came to England from Normandy with William the Conqueror in 1066, as his constable, then a military office of high rank. The family in England settled in Sharpenhow, a hamlet of Bedfordshire.

John Norton graduated at Yale college, class of 1737, probably studied theology in Springfield, settled as pastor in Fall Town, at Deerfield, November 25, 1741, O. S., at which time a church for that town was also founded. Owing to the condition of the country and the French and Indian wars his ministry here was of short duration. After his dismissal from the ministry in this town he passed his time among the cordon of forts extending through Franklin County, having been appointed chaplain of them in February, 1746. His wife and three small children resided in Fort Shirley in the town of Heath, which fort he seems to have made his headquarters. In August, 1746, he was taken captive at Fort Massachusetts and with the rest of the garrison carried to Quebec, where he remained about a year, was then exchanged and returned to Boston. In January, 1748, he appears again as a resident of Springfield, at which time he petitioned and received from the General Court 37£ 10s. for his services and sufferings while in captivity. November 30, 1748, he was installed as the first pastor of the Congregational church at East Hampton, Ct. Here he remained until his death with the exception of a few months in 1755-56, during which time he was chaplain of the forces raised by the colony to go to Crown Point. In 1760 he served as chaplain of the third regiment raised for the expedition against Canada; the length of this time of service is unknown, but it was doubtless a short one. Mr. Norton died of small-pox March 24, 1778. In the inventory of his estate was included a library of 29 volumes and 96 pamphlets.

He married Eunice, daughter of Luke and Elizabeth (Walker) Hitchcock of Springfield. She was born March 2, 1712-13, died



May 27, 1796. A great-great grand-daughter of Rev. John Norton is now living in Bernardston in the person of Mrs. Jonathan Field Cushman. So far as can be learned, Mr. Norton was a man of fair abilities, pious and devoted to his calling.

## CHILDREN.

Asenath, b. in Springfield, October 13, 1738; m. July 13, 1758, James Bill of Lebanon, Ct.; She d. January 2, 1810; eleven children.

Elizabeth, b. in Springfield, December 19, 1740; m. November 6, 1766, Nathaniel Clark; She d. May 18, 1770, leaving a dau. Eunice.

John, Jr., b. 1743, probably in Fall Town; m. September 19, 1765, Ede, dau. Jabez Clark; d. May 11, 1808; had nine children. His widow m. a second time.

Anna, b. Fall Town, September 22, 1745; d. at Fort Shirley, August 26, 1747.

Jacob, b. December 15, 1748; d. in a prison ship in New York during the Revolution.

Elias, b. October 21, 1750; d. November 5, 1750.

Anne, b. March 29, 1752; no positive further record.

Eunice, b. October 23, 1754; d. unm. October 12, 1845.

Elias, b. also October 23, 1754; eventually became a loyalist and for a time lived in the provinces. Returned and d. in Addison, Me., about 1846; left a widow but no other known family.

Rev. Job. Wright, second minister of Fall Town, was born at Easthampton, Mass., October 13, 1737, graduated at Yale college in 1757, and was ordained as minister of this town the first day of July, 1761. He continued in the ministry nearly 21 years—to March 13, 1782,—when he was, at his own request, dismissed on account of the financial troubles of the times, and perhaps, also, from some disrelish of parochial duties. The council for his dismissal consisted of Rev. John Hubbard and Deacon Samuel Root of Northfield, Rev. Judah Nash and Joseph Root, Esq., of Montague, and Rev. Roger Newton and Deacon Ebenezer Graves of Greenfield. The terms of his dismissal were "that he shall be freed from public taxes, both poll and land tax for five years from the date hereof, and longer in case arrears due to him from the town for services are not paid up by that time, and furthermore, that he shall enjoy all the other civil privileges during his residence in town, that belong to settled ministers of the Gospel."

As an example of the difficulty of procuring money, the following vote, passed in 1781, will serve: "To raise sixty six pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence silver money, to pay Mr. Wright's sallery and to be paid in silver, wheat, rye, indian corn or flax at silver money price—or paper money at the common exchange."

After Mr. Wright left the ministry at the age of 45 years, he was engaged in the cultivation of his farm and in public duties. He was for three years one of the selectmen and assessors of Bernardston, five years town clerk, and two years town treasurer, and was frequently appointed to fill other public offices. He was several times a candidate (but not elected) for the office of Senator in the Legislature. He also received a commission as justice of the peace.

As a preacher of the Gospel his sermons were chaste and instructive. As a man he was kind and affectionate and as a Christian he exemplified the doctrines of the Bible in a high degree. His piety was ardent and exemplary, and his qualities in the circle of domestic and social life, endearing. His mind was quick and his judgment rapid in the attainment of its object. He was seldom engaged in polemic theology, was no dogmatist, believing as many others do, that but little good can result from religious controversies; that a good life is the best preparation for death and the future world, and that Christians should devote their whole attention to the practice of the religion they profess.

In his politics (and he devoted considerable attention to that subject) he was ever a firm friend to liberty and equal rights for all men. During the Revolutionary war he was a Whig in heart and deed.

One of his contemporaries, the late Hon. Samuel C. Allen of Northfield, thus spoke of him: "I loved Mr. Wright for the simplicity of his manners and his highly intellectual attainments, combined in so great a degree with the Christian character and conduct. It always afforded me a feast to hear that good old man converse. He was very sociable and his mind was well stored with correct and useful ideas of men and things which he communicated to others with a great deal of ease and pleasure. The talents and usefulness of Mr. Wright were much underated by his parishoners and the people of Bernardston."

He died in the town January 24, 1823, aged 85 years. Of him we may truly say in the language of Holy Writ, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord; yea saith the Spirit for their works do follow them."

Rev. Amasa Cook, the third minister of Bernardston, was born in Hadley, Mass., in June, 1750, graduated at Brown University, Providence, R. I., in 1776, studied theology with Rev. Dr. Hopkins of Hadley, Mass., was licensed to preach August 2, 1780, by the Hampshire Association, and preached for a time at Rowe. In August, 1783, he "was hired to preach on probation of settlement in the work of the ministry" in Bernardston, and in September of the same year it was voted to "settle him and give a salary of sixty pounds (\$200), and to raise three pounds every year until it should amount to 75 pounds per annum. Also to give him 140£ settlement money (\$466.66)." Mr. Cook accepted these propositions and was ordained November, 1783. According to Governor Cushman the Rev. Dr. Hopkins of Hadley preached the sermon, but reference to a paper prepared by A. H. Washburn, Esq., of Vernon, Vt., and by him read before the P. V. M. A. in 1872, shows that the ministers assembling the evening before the ordination was to occur, it was discovered that the one who had been selected to preach the ordination sermon was absent. This duty was placed upon the Rev. Bunker Gay. Said he, "I have made no preparation for this occasion." As it was voted not to excuse him, he accepted. From his previous acquaintance with Cook, he selected for his text, "There is death in the pot," found in ii Kings, 4th Chap. 40.

For several years previous to 1805, disaffection had arisen in the society of which Mr. Cook was pastor, principally because of his growing intemperate habits, and some had left and joined the Baptist. In March of that year, a committee was chosen to "settle the difficulty with Mr. Cook." They reported that they were unable to settle with him. But the objectionable conduct of Mr. Cook and the consequent dissatisfaction of his society were both increasing. Mr. Cook wrote a letter to the selectmen, in which he stated that he had understood that there was a dissatisfaction in town and that he would agree to the calling of a mutual council and abide by its decisions. Previous to that time, Mr. Cook having been settled for life agreeable to the usage of that period, had objected to

the calling of a council. The council to which Mr. Cook finally, with great reluctance, agreed, which was to decide all questions both civil and ecclesiastical, consisted of Rev. Roger Newton of Greenfield, Rev. Thomas Mason of Northfield, and Rev. John Taylor of Deerfield. After a protracted hearing in which both Mr. Cook and the society were represented by able lawyers, Hon. R. E. Newcomb of Greenfield for the society, and Hon. George Bliss of Springfield for Mr. Cook, the council finally advised that Mr. Cook be dismissed and it was accordingly done in May, 1805.

The former pastor, Mr. Wright, and some of his ministerial colleagues were present at this council, although not members of it. Of Mr. Wright some of his friends inquired, at that time, if, "in their opinion, he ought, with other members of his church and congregation to clothe himself in sackcloth and sprinkle dust on his head in mourning at the prospect of their being left destitute of a minister, or whether he was not entitled to a song of exultation over his neighbors in remembrance of the circumstances of his separation from them." Rev. Bunker Gay replied, "Sing! Sing!" Mr. Wright observed that he was no singer, but only spoke metaphorically, and had no song prepared for the occasion. Said Mr. Gay, "Then sing this, and we will assist you:"

"Reduced to want, with lantern jaws,  
My people I forsook;  
And to avenge my righteous cause,  
God sent them Parson Cook."

The objections to Mr. Cook were on account of his moral character and conduct. He had strong intellectual and logical powers and considerable ability as a preacher. In the early part of his ministry of 22 years, he was successful and acceptable to the people. But one of the besetting sins of the times overcame him. "The wine when it is red" was a temptation which sensitive natures and a character broken by suffering and disease, impelled by the common habits of the people of that day, could not resist. The unfortunate close of his ministry had many palliating circumstances which would not be admissible at this age of the world. He died in Bernardston, June 11, 1816, in his 66th year. The following is the epitaph on his gravestone in the north burial ground of the town:

"If all my life I tried in vain to save,  
Hear, O hear me speaking from the grave."

His wife was Mary Dorothea, daughter of Captain Obed Foote of Gill. She was born in Waterbury, now Plymouth, Ct., June 11, 1764, married Mr. Cook at Gill, in 1783. Mr. Cook was born June, 1750. Their children were

Amasa, b. February 6, 1788.

Amanda, b. March 3, 1790; d. October 25, 1794.

Payton Randolph, b. January 1, 1792.

Mrs. Cook m. (2) a Mr. McCloud, and died at Persia, Erie Co., N. Y., April 17, 1835, *ae.* 71.

From 1805 to 1809, several persons supplied the pulpit of that society, among whom were Revs. Caleb Atwater and Elihu Rockwood.

Rev. Timothy Foster Rogers was the fourth Congregational minister of Bernardston, born in Tewksbury, Mass., March, 1791. "It was his happiness to be the son of pious parents whose example and prayers had a powerful influence upon him in childhood and in after life. His mother was endowed with the most excellent qualities of mind and heart." He was prepared for college at Phillips Academy, Andover, and graduated at Harvard university in 1802. A classmate thus spoke of him while in college: "During the whole of his college life, it was his firmly fixed purpose to make theology his future profession. He had been bred up in the Orthodox faith, in the most rigid form, and brought within the walls of the university his attachment to its principles and his earnest zeal in their advocacy and defense. Yet on further inquiry into, and a closer investigation of religious subjects, he was led gradually to abandon the doctrines of his early adopted creed, for those of a more liberal and heart cheering faith."

Mr. Rogers pursued his theological studies with Rev. Asa Packard of Marlboro, Mass., and completed them with Rev. Dr. Lothrop of West Springfield. He commenced preaching in 1806, and delivered his first sermon in Bernardston, February 26, 1809. The society invited him to become their pastor on the 27th of April following, and he was ordained the 20th of September, 1809. The ordaining council consisted of Rev. William Wells, D. D., of Brattleboro, Vt., Rev. Asa Packard of Marlboro, Mass., Rev. John Foster



of Brighton, Rev. Jacob Coggin of Tewksbury, Rev. Samuel Willard, D. D., of Deerfield, and Rev. Jason Chamberlain of Guilford, Vt. The sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Foster.

May 29, 1810, Mr. Rogers married Mary, daughter of Jacob Pierce of Woburn, Mass. For about thirty years she was afflicted with a very painful insanity, which continued until her death, July 5, 1846, at the age of 60 years. Their children were

Mary, b. December 17, 1812; m. John Mowry of Leyden, resided in Bernardston. She died May 3, 1872, aged 59; he died August 26, 1878, æt. 76.

Timothy Pierce, b. November 18, 1814.

William, b. August 6, 1823; removed to Canada.

For about 12 years after his ordination, Mr. Rogers lived in great harmony with his people. But that was a period of theological controversy, and it could not be expected that his society should be exempt from the spirit of division then so common, especially in the Congregational denomination. The ablest minds among the clergy of New England were, in the early part of this century, engaged in discussing the great doctrines of the Trinity, the atonement, Total Depravity, Election, Regeneration by the special influence of the Holy Spirit and kindred tenets of the Calvinistic faith; and the result was a division of the Congregationalists into parties or denominations called the "Unitarians," and the "Orthodox." In 1882 Mr. Rogers and his society being of the Unitarian faith, nine of his church members left and formed the "Orthodox Congregational Society." Others also left and joined a newly formed Universalist society. As a consequence, his society became much weakened. But such trials of his faith and patience only made him firmer and truer to his conviction of duty. He would not leave his people in the days of their adversity. For several years he supplied other pulpits one-half of the time, being employed by the "Massachusetts Evangelical Society" and also by the "Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Indians and others in North America" in that service, preaching the other half of the time to his own people. The Rev. Dr. Parkman of Boston, secretary of the latter society, in his report of Mr. Rogers' services, remarked of him that "he fulfilled his work with characteristic fidelity, godly simplicity and in a spirit of faith unfeigned, commending himself

wherever he went, as a good steward of the manifold grace of God." Thus Mr. Rogers sacrificed much for the support of the Gospel as he understood it, in the town of his adoption and among a people he greatly loved. The result in after times showed the wisdom of his course.

In January, 1825, Mr. Rogers preached a sermon at the dedication of the meeting house which had been removed and rebuilt by his society, which was printed, the only one he ever published.

In the autumn of 1843 he had a paralytic affection, from which he never recovered, but he continued to perform his parochial duties, although greatly enfeebled in body and mind, till a year or two before his decease, which took place February 26, 1847, at the age of 66 years. About a year prior to his death, he had the great satisfaction of witnessing the settlement of a colleague and to see his beloved society so far increased in numbers and wealth as to be able to support regular ministrations of the Gospel each Sabbath, which had not been done for the preceding twenty-four years.

Rev. Asarelah Morse Bridge, fifth minister, was born in Lancaster, January 21, 1810, and was the son of Josiah Bridge. His early education was acquired at the common schools of that town and at the academy. When 14 he entered a store in Boston, where he remained 6 years. He then studied two and one-half years at New Salem academy, and in 1832 entered the Divinity school at Cambridge, graduating July, 1835. August 2nd of that year he commenced preaching as a candidate in Norton, and his service proving acceptable, he was unanimously invited by the Congregational (Unitarian) parish in that town "to settle with them as their pastor in the Gospel Ministry." He was accordingly ordained the 27th of January, 1836. At a meeting of the parish in August, 1840, Mr. Bridge was dismissed by "the mutual consent of all parties," and on November 1st of the same year he preached his valedictory sermon to that society.

At a meeting of the church September 30, 1842, it was "*Resolved* that we have full confidence in Rev. A. M. Bridge as a pious, faithful and devoted Christian Minister; and that we cordially recommend him as such to those with whom he may be called to labour."

Mr. Bridge was installed colleague pastor of the Unitarian society with Rev. Timothy F. Rogers of Bernardston February 18, 1846. Sermon on that occasion by Rev. Chandler Robbins of Boston from the text John x. 16. The other services were as follows: Introductory prayer, by Rev. Mr. Barlow of Warwick; reading of the Scripture, by Rev. Mr. Moors of Deerfield; prayer of installation, by Rev. Mr. Harding of New Salem; charge by the Rev. Mr. Livermore of Keene, N. H.; address to the people, by Rev. Mr. Willis of Walpole, N. H., and the concluding prayer by Rev. Mr. Stearns of Rowe. The sermon was printed.

Having remained in Bernardston about four years, he asked for a dismission and preached his farewell sermon March 31, 1850.

May 1, 1851, Mr. Bridge was settled in Hampton Falls, N. H., at which place he resided in February, 1863, but was then in very poor health, and is since deceased. He was twice married, the second time to Mary Ann, daughter of David and Sophia Fullom; she was born in Boston, December 5, 1819. His children were

Mary Ellen, b. at Bernardston, July 31, 1846.

Charles Lee Fullom, b. at Bernardston, January 16, 1849.

Emma, b. at Hampton Falls, N. H., August 19, 1853.

Next came Rev. Thomas Weston, the son of Capt. Coomer and Mrs. Hannah (Doten) Weston, born in Plymouth, Mass., August 30, 1821. His early education was received in the public schools of his native town. Being of studious habit he continued to study even while engaged in other occupations, and thus fitted himself to enter the Meadville (Penn.) theological school. Beginning his attendance there in 1846, he pursued the regular course of study, graduating in June, 1849.

After supplying various pulpits for short periods, he became pastor of the church in Bernardston, December, 1850, and continued there until the spring of 1852.

He was married April 29, 1852, to Lucinda, daughter of Ralph Cushman of Bernardston. She died in Greenfield, Mass., December, 1889. They had one daughter, Mary Kay Weston, born at Bernardston, September 12, 1855.

In the autumn of 1852, Mr. Weston became pastor of the Unitarian

rian church in Northumberland, Penn., where he remained two years. Returning to Massachusetts, he was installed pastor of the First Congregational church in New Salem, April 18, 1855. After four years of service here, he assumed a like charge at Farmington, Me.; here he resided for five years, then transferred his ministerial labors to the society at Barnstable, Mass., where he remained nine years, being in addition to his ministry, librarian of the Sturgis (Free) library. In 1872 he removed to Warwick, Mass., remaining here for six years. In 1878 he became pastor of the first church in Stowe, Mass., where he continued seven years. Becoming permanently lame—from the effects of a fall—he relinquished parish work, and in the summer of 1885, took up his residence at Greenfield, Mass., where with his daughter he now resides.

Mr. Weston has always been much interested in the cause of education, and has served as superintendent and school committee in most of the towns in which he has resided. He has occasionally preached as a supply since his retirement. A sermon preached at the funeral of Dr. Elijah W. Carpenter of Bernardston was published in November, 1855, accompanied by an obituary and an excellent lithographic engraving of Dr. Carpenter. He has also had published a Fast day sermon at Farmington, in April, 1861, and a Thanksgiving day sermon delivered at the same place, November 21, 1861, was published in the "Franklin Patriot," a newspaper printed in that town.

Mr. Weston has now in composition an interesting history of his native place, Plymouth, teeming with valuable historic reminiscences, and containing an extended and vivid account of the Pilgrims. This is not, however, prepared with any definite plan for publication, Mr. Weston expending his leisure in the study and research so congenial to his taste.

As a pastor, he has always been devout and faithful; as a writer, he is concise and entertaining. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity, in whose gatherings he takes a keen interest.

Rev. William Wallace Hebbard followed, preaching for the First Congregational (Unitarian) society for three years, commencing in April, 1852, and ending the 25th of April, 1855, but was not installed. He was born in Lisbon or Topsfield, Me., March 9, 1823-4, and was



the son of Timothy Merrick and Mary (Dyer) Hebbard; was married in Granby, Ct., January 29, 1845, to Martha Sybil, daughter of Dr. Daniel Benjamin of that town. She died in Bernardston, July 28, 1854.

Mr. Hebbard was educated in Brunswick, Me., preached as a Universalist in Sheffield, Mass., in 1843, subsequently at Granby, Ct., and afterwards at Adrian, Mich., in 1846-7. He studied medicine with Dr. Lee, a homeopathic physician of Hartford, Ct., and graduated at the medical college, Brunswick, Me., in 1848, practiced medicine as a homeopathist in Attleboro and Waltham, Mass., studied theology at the Divinity school at Harvard university, graduated in July, 1851, preached about four years as a Unitarian, then relinquished the ministry and took up the practice of medicine. He was a political lecturer of the anti-slavery and Republican parties, afterwards engaged in the dry goods business in Boston. In 1864 he resided at "Swango," Richmond, Me.

He was considered an eloquent preacher and lecturer, and sometimes wrote poetry, but his frequent changes diminished his usefulness. During the Fremont campaign in 1856, he, by invitation, delivered his great poem "The Patriot's Hope," in nearly every State in the Union. He died in Nashua, N. H., December 10, 189—where he had resided for a number of years. One son, Dr. E. C. Hebbard of Boston, survives him.

Rev. Darwin Harlow Ranney preached for the First Congregational (Unitarian) society from December, 1855, to April, 1861, five years and four months, but was not installed and resided during that time with his family at West Brattleboro, Vt. He was the son of Hon. Waitstill Ranney of Townshend, Vt., and was born at Chester, Vt., December 13, 1812. He obtained his preliminary education at Chester (Vt.) academy, was graduated at Middlebury college, Vt., in the class of 1835. He was ordained as an evangelist of the Baptist denomination at Westport, N. Y., the same year, and was employed at Westport and Ludlow, Vt., and at Claremont, N. H., for five years as a preacher of that denomination. Becoming dissatisfied with the exclusiveness of the Baptists, and thinking it his duty to maintain the doctrine of open communion, and that all professed Christians in any locality should unite in one



church on the basis of discipleship with Jesus Christ, he adopted independent views of Christian fellowship and discipline and published a small volume and some tracts on Christian Union.

Hence for fifteen years he was called a "Unionist" and preached to different societies on this basis at Rockingham, Vt., and subsequently at Dover and Wilmington, Vt., where he assisted in organizing three churches with the Bible *only* for a creed and the recognition of the personal right of judgment in the interpretation of the Scriptures. During the latter part of that time he preached to the Unitarian society of Greenfield, Mass., where he had an invitation to settle in the ministry, but for prudential reasons, declined it. In February, 1855, he removed to a farm at West Brattleboro, Vt., where he resided for a long time. In 1860-61, he was elected a member of Vermont House of Representatives from Brattleboro, where he distinguished himself as an able debater and a judicious statesman. He married Sybil Hale McKinney of Westport, N. Y., January, 1836, and had six children. He preached his farewell sermon to the society in Bernardston, March 31, 1861, subsequently preaching in Walpole, N. H., and Vernon, Vt. Upon his departure from town, appropriate resolutions were drafted expressing the appreciation of his labors in the behalf of the society. He died in New York (?) and is buried in the cemetery at Townshend, Vt.

Rev. John Bremner Green was a pastor greatly endeared to this society, a native of Scotland. When quite young he came to this country, and received his theological education from the Meadville Divinity school, from which he graduated in 1861. In August of that year he became pastor of this church and was ordained February 5, 1862. It was during Mr. Green's pastorate that the stirring events of the first part of the civil war took place, and he was soon found in the front ranks joining the sanitary commission with which he was connected some time and where he rendered most excellent service. In 1864 he resigned his pastorate here, immediately accepting a call from the church in Leominster, where he remained about three years, going thence to Chelsea. In February, 1876, he resigned to accept a call to a church in Montreal, Canada, remaining there three and a half years; thence he went to Brattleboro, Vt. Succeeding his residence and work there, he be-

came for two years agent for the American Unitarian association and the Christian Register association in the matter of their publications. He then preached in Louisville, Ky., for a year, at the expiration of which time he was settled in Gloucester, Mass. Six years were spent in the Master's service there, when a resignation was tendered that he might take the charge of a mission in the "North End," Boston, carried on by the Boston Benevolent Fraternity of Churches. Here he remained two years, during which time the population had become changed to such an extent by the advent of the Hebrews in that section, that the mission was abandoned and Mr. Green was obliged to seek a new field of labor. In June, 1891, he was installed pastor of the Christian Union church in Reading, Mass.

He has been twice married. Of his children, one son has followed in the footsteps of his father, in that he has chosen the ministry for his life work.

Mr. Green is a most pleasing speaker, sincere in his convictions and earnest in his efforts to impart the truth of Holy Writ to his people, and upon his occasional ministrations here to his former parishioners, is eagerly welcomed by those who hold him in fond remembrance. He is now settled in Newberg, N. Y.

The next pastor, Rev. Charles T. Canfield, was born in Danby, N. Y., April 13, 1833, graduated at Harvard in 1852, from the Harvard Divinity school in 1855. His first settlement was at Lockport, Ill., in 1856. From this he was forced by illness to resign in the second year of his pastorate. He came east, settling in Uxbridge, Mass., where he was ordained in 1859. In 1862 he left to enter the 36th regiment, Massachusetts volunteers, as chaplain.

February 12, 1861, he married Louisa B. Haywood of Walpole, N. H. In 1864 he came to Bernardston, remaining here until 1866, when he assumed charge of the Divinity school in Boston. Upon the transfer of that school to Cambridge, he remained in Boston, being engaged for about three years in teaching. Subsequently he assumed, for several years, the agency for different charitable institutions. In 1891 he was settled over the Unitarian church in Ellsworth, Me., but owing to illness, remained only about a year. In November, 1893, he went to Bath, N. H., where he now is in

charge of the Unitarian society. His pastorate here was of short duration, and as pastors he and Rev. Mr. Campbell, on that account, were among the least known, perhaps, of any who have occupied the pulpit of this society.

Rev. Stillman Barber, the son of Azariah and Rhoda Temple Barber, was born in Warwick, Mass., July 21, 1818. His father was a farmer and he was early called upon to perform such duties about the farm as his years would admit, consequently the educational advantages afforded were limited, the amount of schooling received being ten weeks in summer and winter until the age of ten years, and for the succeeding six years, ten in winter only. Possessed by a great love of study, and realizing the need of judicious use of the time allowed for that, he was enabled to master the common English branches, adding thereto enough of the sciences, United States history and the higher mathematics, so that fourteen weeks attendance during the two succeeding years at a private school, served to qualify him for teaching. This vocation he pursued during the winter months for seven succeeding years.

In 1840, he attended two terms of school at New Salem academy. From the age of sixteen on, it was his custom to devote at least one hour daily to study, more if possible, and in order to do this and facilitate the end so eagerly sought, namely, the acquisition of a thorough education, all amusements and recreations enjoyed by others of corresponding age, were of necessity given over. When sixteen years old, he made his first appearance as a public speaker, delivering a lecture before the district school lyceum. Two years later he began the study of Latin, carrying his books with him to the hayfield in order to secure the coveted time.

April 22, 1841, he was joined in wedlock to Mary C., daughter of Moses and Lydia Fisher of Warwick, and they immediately began housekeeping, she aiding, by adding dressmaking to her other duties. Mr. Barber cultivated a small farm and at the same time increased his income by devoting all spare time to the performance of whatever other work came to his hands to do. There have been three children born to them: Charles S., the eldest, Franklin S., who died August 29, 1856, and Carrie A., a graduate of the Framingham Normal school, and now a teacher in Plainfield, N. J. Mrs. Barber died February 21, 1898.

Mr. Barber's religious convictions were formed at the early age of sixteen, and with slight modifications, always existed practically the same. At this time he had an ardent desire to enter the Christian ministry, but was dissuaded from making the necessary preparations. When the Meadville Divinity school was established in the year 1844, determination to enter it came also, and the opening of its second year saw him enrolled as a student. The three years course ended in graduation in the summer of 1848. Immediately he began his ministerial labors at Como, Ill., a town upon Rock River, where he remained during the summer of 1848, preaching also for a time at Rockford, Ill., and returning east in the late fall. The succeeding year was spent largely in Massachusetts, preaching whenever and wherever occasion presented. In the winter of 1849-50, he was called upon to candidate in Rowe, Mass., and after preaching two Sundays, received a unanimous call to settle over that society, a call which was accepted. He was ordained June 11, 1850, the now Bishop Huntington preaching the sermon.

After a three years pastorate, he was successively a resident and pastor over the societies at Hubbardston, Townsend, Mendon and Tyngsboro, Mass. In the spring of 1868 he received and accepted a call to assume a pastoral relation over the Unitarian society in Bernardston, which relation continued in force three years.

After 1873, the time was largely devoted to agricultural pursuits, in which he always took a deep interest. He was president of the Franklin Farmers' institute, frequently lecturing before it, and was in 1893 a vice-president of the Franklin Agricultural Society. He was also greatly interested in historical matters, following closely the matter presented by the local historical society, the P. V. M. A. of Deerfield. He died February 15, 1901.

Rev. Henry F. Campbell occupied the Unitarian pulpit here for a time in 1871. Upon leaving his charge here, he removed to the eastern part of the State, where in 1881, he perfected some inventions and successfully engaged in business at Cambridge. He invented a machine for making barrel hoops, which proved an unqualified success, and Mr. Campbell was able to dispose of a part interest in the same at a sum which rendered him financially independent.



In 1884, it is understood that he was preaching for a Unitarian church and society at Francestown, N. H., where he had devoted some \$2,000 to the improvement of the church building. For some years his time was wholly given up to secular pursuits. He was in 1894 in Boston, and one of the company owning Lookout Mountain hotel in Tennessee.

Rev. Samuel B. Flagg was born in Grafton, Mass., August 6, 1828, where he died November 16, 1900. He is descended from one of the original settlers of that place. His primary education was supplemented by attendance at the Friends school in Bolton, then Leicester academy and Quaboag seminary, Warren. He entered upon a collegiate course at Brown university, from which institution he graduated in 1850. Designing to become a member of the medical fraternity, he studied for that profession with Dr. H. Parker at Grafton, continuing his studies at Woodstock, Vt., and Boston, Mass., after which he enrolled himself as a student at the Berkshire medical school in Pittsfield, completing the course and graduating in the class of 1855. He successfully engaged in practice in Boston. Convinced that his duty to his Maker called him in other paths, and following the dictates of his conscience, he soon made a second choice in the matter of his life work, electing the ministry. He entered the Meadville Theological school, graduating therefrom in 1859. His first pastorate, of six years' duration, was at Kalamazoo, Mich., where he was instrumental in organizing a church and society. Returning east, he was in 1865 installed over the society at Waltham, Mass., remaining there until 1868, when he resigned. For a year and a half he acted as stated supply at Sandwich, Mass., to which parish he was again called in January, 1893, and where he for some years resided, a much loved pastor among a cherished people.

December 29, 1869, he married Anna B., daughter of William W. Allcott of Kalamazoo, and grand-daughter of the late Osias Bangs of Cambridgeport, Mass. She died May 8, 1900, in Grafton, Mass. There are two sons, Charles, who was for a time a tutor in Bowdoin college, Brunswick, Me., then in the library at the Capitol, Albany, N. Y., now in the Congressional library, Washington, D. C., and George, now in San Francisco, Cal.



In 1871 Mr. Flagg came to Bernardston, remaining there for eleven years, a term of service equalled by none since Mr. Rogers' death in 1847. During his stay the society experienced a healthy, steady growth, and the wonderful example of steadfast faith, courage and devotion there displayed, not only cemented more closely the existing relations between pastor and people, but also exerted an influence for good over the best interests of the community. Not alone for his own church did he labor, but his usefulness was extended to the sister churches and the schools, and all have reason to hold in grateful remembrance the deep and abiding interest manifested, and the harmonious results.

After leaving town, and before returning to Sandwich, he ministered at several places, chief among them being Marshfield, Mass., and Dixfield, Me., and wherever his lot was cast, to an unusual degree did we find him enjoying the esteem and respect of those with whom he was brought into contact, and as was also his wife, active in promoting the welfare of both society and Sunday school.

Rev. William Jenkins was born in Boston, February 7, 1827. His collegiate education was acquired at Harvard, whence he graduated in 1848. Designing to make the ministry his profession, he enrolled himself a student at the Cambridge Divinity school, completed the course and graduated therefrom in the class of 1855. The 19th of the September following, he was ordained at Lawrence, Mass., where he remained until July, 1864, a pastorate of nine years. June, 1865, he was settled at Northampton, going thence in 1870 and locating the succeeding June at Brattleboro, Vt. Here he remained several years. In November, 1884, he was called to the church in Bernardston, and his ministrations here lasted until June, 1892—in all eight years.

It will be noticed that wherever Mr. Jenkins has been called, there he has remained for a considerable time, having had but four settlements in his thirty-seven years of ministerial work. This circumstance is an eloquent testimony of his moral worth and intellectual ability, also of the esteem in which he has been held by his parishioners. His present residence is in Dorchester. He has retired from active service, feeble health obliging him so to do, and

in his retirement he can look back upon a life well and happily spent in a noble calling.

Rev. Francis Wilder Holden is the son of Josiah Holden of Waitsfield, Vt., where he was born July 28, 1862. His academical education was received at the Barre, Vt., academy, graduating in the class of 1885. He prepared himself for the ministry at the Meadville Theological school, from which he graduated in 1891. He began his professional duties while pursuing his theological studies, preaching during different summers at Strawberry Point, Ia., Arcadia, Wis., and Grand Haven, Mich. A year was spent in Rochester, N. H., and during that time he had the satisfaction of seeing a society organized and take its place beside sister churches in the denomination. Thence he came to Bernardston, where his ordination occurred January 10, 1893, the sermon being preached by Rev. R. A. Griffin of Northampton. His connection here was terminated January, 1896. He married August 18, 1896, Gertrude, daughter of Leander Lynde of Gardner, Mass. Began preaching in Norton, Mass., September 1, 1896. During his pastorate here he closely allied himself with the young people of the society and the Young People's Fraternity bears evidence of his zeal in that direction.

Rev. Richard Elliott Birks, the present pastor of this society, was born at Stowey Middleton, Derbyshire, England, in 1846, the son of Rev. William Birks, whose busy parochial life furnished a worthy example to the three sons, all of whom became Unitarian ministers. Originally the Birks family were Scotch, but during the days of the first Stuarts, settled in England, "Being always liberal in Theology and politics." The Elliotts were a well-known puritan family, and Richard Elliott, the ancestor of Richard Elliott Birks, was a contemporary of John Wesley, and entered the ministry at the personally expressed wish of the latter. "The Unitarian Chapels or Meeting houses in the county of Derby, were mostly founded by the old English Presbyterians, who might be justly called the liberals of the Puritans. They built their churches and left them free from fetters of creed or covenant, in trust for the worship of Almighty God. Many of the first pastors were of the noble 2000—ministers who were ejected from the parish churches in 1662 (Charles the Second's Reign) because they objected to swear

to be loyal to a 'bad' King (not believing in the divine rights of kings) and also refused to give their assent and consent to everything in the book of common prayer. It was of such stock and in the old meeting houses and manses still largely supported by the descendants of those sturdy and independent puritans," that Mr. Birks was reared and it is evident that he freely imbibed of the spirit of intelligence, thrift and manly independence of the people of that locality. From his father, a disciple of Dr. Channing, he received his early education and teachings in Unitarianism.

When just ready for the university, his father's death obliged him to change his plans, and his latter education was obtained wholly by his own efforts, but by self-sacrificing perseverance he was enabled to prepare himself for the ministry, and was ordained at Topsham, Devon, England, in 1872. He was afterwards minister at Northampton, Tanworth, Chichester, Gloucester, Douglas, Isle of Man and finally at Rawtenstall, near Manchester, in all of which places he rendered good work, being especially successful in building up and restoring societies in those parishes where there had existed a lack of religious enthusiasm and life. He was in this country during the last years of the civil war, returning for a brief season to London in 1866. His marriage occurred in Boston in 1867, and he kept his residence there until 1871, when he again crossed the water, returning in 1892, and coming to Bernardston in 1896.

Besides his ministerial labors, Mr. Birks has always taken an active interest and part in all matters pertaining to improvement and education, being always found upon the liberal, progressive side, and his record since coming among the people of Bernardston is but a rounding out and completion of the busy, useful life he spent in England. He numbers among his transatlantic acquaintances some of the foremost writers and leaders in reform, who hold him in grateful remembrance. Although having been here but a short time, the society have recognized his sterling qualities and are glad to thus number him among their cherished pastors.

## CHAPTER VIII.

BAPTIST SOCIETY—PASTORS—ORTHODOX CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY  
—PASTORS—UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY—PASTORS—METHODIST SOCI-  
ETY—PASTORS—DORRELLITES.

Chronologically the Baptist society ranks second. January 7, 1782, the town "Voted that those persons who are professed Baptists and have attended that particular form of worship shall be freed from paying ministers taxes so long back as they have been of the Baptist persuasion and have attended sd worship."

Up to this date there having been but the one religious society, all were taxed for the support of the common church. This vote of the town shows their willingness to extend to others what they themselves, or their fathers, sought in their emigration from England,—freedom to worship according to the dictates of one's conscience. Such toleration of new sects or denominations was not then so common, and this fact renders the incident all the more praiseworthy.

"Ay, call it holy ground,  
The soil where first they trod,  
They've left unstained what there they found,—  
Freedom to worship God."

In 1789 a Baptist society was organized, and the year following a church built on the east corner of meeting house and church street, near the place lately owned by Philander M. Slate. The same year Elder Levi Hodge was ordained as their first pastor. Subsequently the church, a small one-story building, was sold, the society having become much smaller because of internal dissensions, and the meetings were finally discontinued. January 1, 1808, an ecclesiastical council met at the house of William Fox. Jeremy Parker was chosen moderator, and John Noyes, clerk—both members of the church in Conway. After prayer and deliberation it was decided to organize, and January 11 the following named persons subscribed themselves members of the Baptist church in Bernardston:



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Reuben Park.	William Fox.	Moses Smith.
Samuel Sikes, Jr.	Jonathan Sanderson.	Selah Hastings.
Reuben Alger.	Eunice Smith.	Mary Park.
Susanna Hastings.	Abigail Green.	Rachael Carey.
	Loveice Darling.	

A considerable degree of interest must have existed in the church, for the rest of that year saw 30 members added to the original thirteen. As evidence of their prosperity, in 1817 a new church was built a few rods west of the former one. The interior of this remained unfinished until about 1835. This may be accounted for in some degree by the parish records, which show that from 1822 until 1831 the society was without a settled pastor, and during this time the Congregational society met with them, each furnishing preaching half of the time, when they could so do. About 1835 the building was completed, and used until 1851, when it was sold and is now owned by the estate of Mrs. Ashley and occupied as a dwelling.

In the summer of 1851 the present house of worship was erected, and dedicated December 10 of that year. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Baldwin of Brooklyn, from the text, "God is Love." In January, 1842, a revival was experienced, conducted by Elder Coles of South Reading. It lasted four weeks and resulted in much good, adding about 20 to the church. In 1853 the society membership was 93. For the past ten years services have been held a greater part of the time. The society is known as the Close Communion Baptist, and in 1888 there were 46 members, of whom 16 were non-resident. During the Rev. Mr. Worthington's pastorate in 1880, the audience room was repaired and partially refurnished, adding much to the attractiveness thereof. Mr. J. V. Hale has also done quite a good deal for the society in different ways, proving himself a friend in time of need.

Elder Jeremy Parker of Guilford, Vt., supplied one-quarter of the time for one year, commencing March 20, 1809, George Stockwell alternating for a time. During the nine years the society worshipped with the Congregationalists, some of the supplies were Linus Austin, Rufus Fitts, E. Montague and Tristram Aldrich. In 1834 and 1836, Rev. Edward Davenport of the 2nd Congregational



church in Colrain supplied one-half of the time, and in 1837 the pulpit was supplied in the same manner by James Parsons of the State convention.

Since completing the above, through the courtesy of Rev. A. A. Davis, pastor, his manuscript history of the Baptist society in this place was placed at the disposal of the writer. There are in existence two record books, one of the church and one of the parish. He has endeavored to bring into reconciliation the accounts contained in both, and has woven them into a continuous history, and, of course, was enabled to give a much more minute and graphic description than would be permissible in a work of this nature.

He places the origin of the church and society in the year 1806, taking the ground that whatever may have existed prior to this date was wholly traditionary, and not supported by any recorded evidence, hence must have related wholly to a Baptist society, and that up to 1806, the Baptist church, as an organized ecclesiastical body, did not exist. In this it would seem that he may have erred, for upon the old proprietors' record book under date of January 7, 1782, is the following: "Voted that those persons that are professed Baptists and have attended to that particular form of worship shall be freed from paying ministerial taxes so long back as they have been of the Baptist persuasion and have attended sd worship." This vote alone, and it is a recorded action of the town, would tend to show that there was enough of a band of Baptist brethren to enable them to carry on their own form of worship whether incorporated as a distinct society or church, or otherwise. Gov. Cushman goes still farther and says in his historical lectures upon the town's early history, which was published in the Franklin Mercury in 1833, that "In 1789 the Baptist Society was organized in this town and in 1790 their first meeting house was built and the same year Elder Hodge their first minister was ordained. This meeting house stood on the corner west of Gamaliel Kingsley's and was in shape and size something like the Universalist Meeting house. Elder Hodge remained about ten years and a few years afterward the meetinghouse was sold. After this, Elder Rogers preached to the Baptist society a few years, but was never ordained. Elder Green was the next settled minister." Gov. Cushman's father was

a lifelong resident of this place and his birth antedates the formation of the first society by 11 years, and of the present society, in 1806 or 1808 as the two church and parish books record it, by 28 or 30 years. Had there been no Baptist society and church in existence until he had reached that age, would he not have been cognizant of the fact, and saved his son, who aimed to be the town's historian, from making any such misstatement? It would certainly appear so, for he was an educated man, interested and well informed relative to town affairs. Furthermore Gov. Cushman has the corroboration of Rev. Erastus Andrews, a former Baptist pastor, who writes in a letter dated June 22, 1863, "Elder Levi Hodge was ordained in Bernardston." Now is it supposable that a man can be ordained over a society and church which does not exist? And again, the plan of the town protracted in 1795, found opposite page 49 and deposited in the State Archives, gives the exact location of both Baptist and Orthodox meeting houses. This church was but a small one-story structure and as the society *as* a society and the church so far as is known, *as* a church, went out of existence soon after Elder Hodge's departure to Warwick, (his next charge) it was sold.

The church and parish records vary by two years in placing the organization of the present society, or the reorganization of the original one, as the case might be. The book personally examined placed the date of organization as 1808. Mr. Davis gives it as 1806. That there were meetings held with a view to organization at both times is evident, from the fact that these two meetings are recorded as being held at different places and with different presiding officers. The church was not built until a subsequent date, as heretofore stated, and prior to its erection, meetings were held at Mr. Samuel Green's, or as a life-long resident of the place said, "In Sam Green's kitchen," and the said Samuel Green's home went by the name of the "Baptist Tavern," from the fact that all the supplies of the Baptist society found there a temporary shelter.

The rest of the record as given by Mr. Davis coincides practically with the account given, only as already noticed, carried out much more minutely. It might be added that the society's method of raising funds has in several instances nearly proven a Scylla and

Charybdis, the steering clear of which has been well nigh an impossibility. The society did not submit readily to direct or compulsory taxation, and the methods of discipline which some attempted to exercise caused such men as Deas, John Burk and Daniel Slate to be excluded, and for no greater sins than that they saw fit to occasionally attend services held in other churches. This seems a restraint upon the freedom of worship sought by the pilgrims in their emigration to this country wholly to be unlooked for in their descendants, and especially in a town where the first action in religious matters taken by the town beyond the establishment and maintenance of its first society was, to extend freedom of worship to those who felt they could no longer ally themselves with the existing forms of the country.

Concerning the earlier Baptist ministers comparatively little can be obtained. Elder Levi Hodge, who was early ordained over the Baptist society, was a native of Glastenbury, Ct., and brother of Wm. Fox's first wife. He served in the Revolutionary war. Upon the organization of this church he was secured as pastor, coming here from Easterly, Ct., retaining the relationship until 1801, when he became pastor of the Warwick and Royalston churches, being installed over the church in Warwick in June, 1802, which engagement he fulfilled until his death in 1819. It is said of him that he was a great worker in both secular and religious enterprises; not an educated man, but one highly esteemed as a useful and good minister in the Master's service.

Peter Rogers, the pastor of the society upon its reorganization, was a native of Connecticut, and came to Bernardston from Killingly; he was a soldier in the Revolution, being appointed as one of Gen. Washington's Life Guards at the battle of Monmouth, going out from New London, was in many important battles, wintered at Valley Forge and was discharged at Yorktown.

He went into the war a rich man; at its close he literally begged his way home, continental bills having depreciated so that they were not accepted long before he reached New London, where he found that his property had been burned with the burning of the city. He therefore learned the cabinet maker's trade, but soon gave it up and studied for the ministry. Prior to his settlement in

Bernardston in 1815, he was pastor of one or more churches in Connecticut, and also of the Baptist church in Leicester, Mass. He remained in Bernardston until 1819, when he removed to Swanzy, N. H., going thence to Waterloo, Ill., where he died at the extreme age of nearly 100 years. His ministry in Bernardston was marked by an extensive revival, 80 being added to the church by baptism one winter. It is said that "a hole was cut in the ice, the people immersed, and not one took cold."

Elder Edward Green, who was early of Halifax, Vt., was ordained over the Baptist society here November 25, 1819, the sermon being preached by Rev. George Witherel. He continued here in the ministry about three years, and at a much later date resided in Pownal, Vt.

Elders Davenport of Colrain and Lamb of Guilford, Vt., each supplied the pulpit between 1822 and 1831. They, however, did not claim Bernardston as their residence, and the opinion has been expressed by some of the later pastors of the society that they should not be properly counted as ministers of *this* Baptist society.

Rev. Benjamin Franklin Remington of Adams came here in 1831, remaining three years. In 1863 he was supposed to be in New York City.

Rev. Aaron Burbank's ministry here covered one year. He came in 1838, from the eastern part of this State (?).

Rev. Erastus Andrews was born in Templeton, May 19, 1805. His father, Rev. Elihu Andrews, was pastor of the Baptist church in that town. In 1816 he removed with his parents to Hinsdale, N. H., where he spent his minority. In 1827 he received a license to preach and was ordained as pastor over the Baptist church in Middlefield (N. H.) May 20, 1829. The next year he spent as a supply in Agawam. In April, 1831, he removed to North Sunderland, taking pastoral oversight of the church known as the Sunderland and Montague Baptist church. In 1855 this charge was resigned and his residence changed to Shelburne, where through that year he supplied half the time, the other half being devoted to Bernardston. In 1836 a unanimous call came to him to return to North Sunderland to his former parish, which he finally accepted. In 1839, his health being impaired, he again resigned and an absence



of 5 years ensued. During this time he preached from the fall of 1839 to the spring of 1841 at Bernardston, also about the same length of time at Hinsdale, N. H., and the remainder of the time was spent in traveling through the New England and Western States.

With returning health his old parishioners in Sunderland again extended to him a third call, thus showing how closely he had entwined his life with theirs. This call he heeded, remaining with his beloved people until 1857, in all a period of 20 years. In 1858 he assumed charge of the church in Suffield, Ct., remaining there for three years. At the expiration of this time he returned to his old home in Montague, where he had lived during the greater part of his last pastorate at North Sunderland, and this became his final earthly home.

In 1851 and again in 1852, Mr. Andrews ably represented the town of Montague in legislative halls as Representative, while in 1855 he was sent as Senator from Franklin County. For seven years he was an active member of the board of trustees of the Shelburne Falls Academy. In 1859 the honorary degree of A. M. was conferred upon him by Brown University. Thus we see that Mr. Andrews labored for the best interests of mankind, not only in the lines prescribed by his ministerial calling, but also in advancing educational and legislative measures in accordance with his natural good judgment and excellent business capabilities. He married May 10, 1829, Almira, daughter of John and Martha Bartlett of West Boylston, Mass., who died in Montague, in January, 1891.

Their children were

Emory Pearl, b. March 28, 1830; was 1st Lieut. of Co. C, 31st Reg. Mass. Vol. Also provost sheriff of New Orleans under Gen. Butler. Prior to the war he was preceptor of Hollis Institute at So. Braintree, Mass.

Charles B., b. November 4, 1830; graduated at Amherst in 1858; became a lawyer of Kent, Ct., and afterwards governor of the State.

Martha Ann, b. September 3, 1833; m. Dr. E. P. Alden of Hoosick Falls, N. Y., December 1, 1858.

Erastus, C., b. May 17, 1835.

John L., b. April 1, 1837; died September 29, 1839.

Thomas D., b. September 26, 1839; d. May 5, 1856.

Augustus P., b. April 30, 1841



E. Benjamin, b. January 10, 1844; was a non-commissioned officer of 1st Reg. Ct. Artillery; president of Brown University of Providence, R. I.; now superintendent of schools, Chicago, Ill.

Joseph L., b. November 27, 1845; was a member of Co. F, 52nd Reg. Mass. Vol.

Arthur E., b. March 1, 1849.

Flora N., b. August 23, 1850.

Rev. Charles Farrer settled in Bernardston in 1842, and remained there three years, removing thence to Tennessee.

Rev. John Green was born in Belchertown, Mass., June 17, 1801. His education was acquired at the Amherst academy, and at what is now known as the Madison University of Hamilton, N. Y., graduating from the latter June 2, 1830. While a theological student at Hamilton he preached one year as a supply to the New Stockbridge Baptist church in Peterborough, N. Y. During the month succeeding his graduation he began his labors in the Leicester, Mass., Baptist church, and by request of the society was ordained as an evangelist August 19, 1830, and recognized as pastor May, 1831.

August 2, 1830, he was joined in marriage to Miss Mary Thompson of Munson, Mass. His ministry in Leicester terminating April 1, 1840, he next went to Shutesbury, remaining there 5 years. He came to Bernardston in April, 1845, and closed his connection with this society April 1, 1848. During the next six years he was stationed at Florida and Huntington, four and two years respectively. Owing to failing health the duties of his profession were abandoned the most of the time until 1861, when in April he became pastor of the church in North Leverett, Mass.

Rev. George Edwin Fuller came from Chesterfield, N. H., to Bernardston in 1848, remaining four years and going thence to Ware.

Rev. Calvin Baker was of Cornish, N. H. He came to this place in 1852, but remained only a year.

Rev. Harvey Crowley's pastorate lasted from 1855 to 1858. He later resided in New York State, and died in Rochester, N. Y., December 23, 1862, *ae.* 59.

Rev. George L. Stockwell was born in Lunenburg, Vt., January 20, 1818, and there his early education was obtained; later he studied in Massachusetts. He was ordained in the ministry in Weston, Vt., June 17, 1844. In 1858 Mr. Stockwell was settled in Bernardston, and continued there until March, 1861, when he removed to Springfield, Mass., where he was engaged with others in endeavoring to found an agricultural college, which enterprise had its origin in efforts previously made by Hon. H. W. Cushman to establish an agricultural department at Powers Institute in Bernardston.

Rev. George L. Ruberg was born May 28, 1828, on Nantucket Island. He was of Swedish extraction, his father, John George Ruberg, being born in Stockholm, Sweden, October 23, 1793. He emigrated to Nantucket, which was his home for forty years. Here he married, his wife's name being Nancy ——; she was a native of Nantucket, being born there May 10, 1803. Until the age of 15 the subject of this sketch regularly attended school, going as high as the grammar department. During the next year the time was necessarily divided between work and instruction from a private teacher. When 17 years old he was apprenticed to the dry goods trade, his employer being a man who allowed many opportunities for study, and who did all possible to expand and develop his clerk's ideas concerning the meaning and aims of worthy living. Prior to this time, in Mr. Ruberg's own words, "I had failed to comprehend the ends and object of life; could not see why it was that one like myself should have an existence at all." His opportunities for theological study were as nothing. Such time as could be spared from business was spent in studying the Gospel, and at the age of 19 years he felt that his life work must be associated with the diffusion of its teachings. A lack of means, however, prevented his giving the time to preparation that he considered necessary to successful work. Hence for some years he kept on in his secular pursuits. In May, 1861, having fitted himself as best he could, he began to supply the pulpit here for the Baptist society, with the result that in July of the same year the church extended a unanimous call for his settlement. This he accepted and, by a council called for the purpose, he was publicly set apart for work in the Gospel

ministry October 23, 1861. Mr. Ruberg was in charge of his parish here for four years, leaving September, 1865. In the year 1852 he married Mary Abby, daughter of Capt. Henry J. Starbuck of Nantucket. She was born at the latter place March 21, 1831. They had three children, Nelson Curtis, born February 12, 1855; Susie Maria, born March 6, 1859; Henry Judson, born May 28, 1861. He died in North Egremont, March 6, 1901.

Rev. Thomas Wrinkle was the pastor of this society from 1866 to August 23, 1868.

Until 1871 there was no settled pastor. In June of that year came Rev. B. F. Tuck. He ministered to the wants of the people for six years, removing from this place in 1877. In July, 1884, he was stationed at Acworth, N. H.

Rev. A. W. Goodnow came in 1877, and was dismissed in May, 1878. He was followed by Rev. J. H. Parmalee, born in Wilmington, Vt., May 4, 1823. He was the son of Dennis Parmalee, a deacon of the Baptist church of that place, as was also his grandfather.

His education was obtained by attendance at the academies of Townshend and Ludlow, Vt., supplemented by a college course at Waterville college, now Colby University, Maine, from which he graduated in 1850. A year was then spent in teaching, as principal of the North Conway academy, succeeded by a two years' course at the Theological seminary at Rochester, N. Y. His ordination to the ministry took place soon after at Xenia, Ohio, and for several years he preached in the States of Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin.

During the latter part of the war of the Rebellion he had charge of the Christian commission work at Vicksburg, Miss.

About 1871 Mr. Parmalee came to Bernardston, making this town his home for the next sixteen years, and preaching here as well as in the neighboring towns. His pastoral charge of the Baptist society here extended from May, 1878, to October, 1879.

In 1887 he removed to De Funiak Springs, Fla., where he is enjoying the relaxation to be obtained from a small vineyard and fruit grove. He also devotes his time to such ministerial calls as are

made upon him. His family consists of a wife, daughter and son, Frank. The latter is married and a resident of the east part of Bernardston.

Rev. J. Shephardson came in April, 1880, and was dismissed in June, 1881.

Rev. W. A. Worthington preached here most acceptably from June 18, 1881, to May, 1883. He was later stationed at Groton, Vt., (1883) and in May or June, 1884, died suddenly in Concord, Vt.

The following named gentlemen succeeded Rev. Mr. Worthington, but no biographical notices have been obtainable:

G. L. Shephardson, May, 1883, dismissed October 1, 1884. John Randlett supplied until April 1, 1885. W. S. Walker, May 1, 1885, dismissed April 1, 1888. William F. Newton of Mt. Hermon school supplied until June, 1889. Sumner Latham, September, 1889. A. A. Davis, 1892, dismissed 1895. Rev. Mr. Everett supplying since 1897.

### THE ORTHODOX CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY.

The greater number of the original members of this society belonged to the First Congregational church, and withdrew from that when it became identified as being of the Unitarian faith. Clinging to the religion endeared to them by long association and training, they soon sought a new home where they might carry out its observance. With this end in view a council was called at the house of Hon. Job Goodale—now owned by Mr. Willis Stratton, at which Rev. Samuel Taggart was chosen moderator, and Rev. James Taylor scribe, and resulting in the formation of a society January 9, 1823, with 15 members:

Jonathan Slate.	Mrs. Phoebe Hastings.
Job Goodale.	Mrs. Mary D. Cook. (Rev. A. Cook's wife.)
Mrs. Lydia Goodale.	Anna Searle.
Timothy Slate.	George Parmenter.
Mrs. Tirzah Slate.	Samuel W. Chapin.
Samuel Hastings.	Joseph Slate.
Mrs. Olive Hastings.	Mrs. Sylvia E. Slate.
Rufus Hastings.	

Not owning a place of worship, an arrangement was made with the Baptist society whereby they obtained the use of that church alternate Sabbaths. In 1831 Judge Goodale erected a small build-



ing just east of his residence, securing to them the land by will. It was dedicated August 18, 1831, a sermon being preached by Rev. Aretas Loomis of Colrain.

Judge Goodale also gave to the society the parsonage, together with the adjacent building, then known as Goodale Academy. The latter was disposed of, together with the greater portion of the land bequeathed. In 1846 the church was thoroughly repaired and enlarged, some of the alterations being executed in a novel manner.

According to the Rev. D. H. Strong the building was removed and the foundations relaid on a larger scale. Restored to its position the old church was split "through the middle, lengthwise, cutting ridge and gable, wall and floor alike as one might saw a box in two. Then the two sections were moved apart to the outer walls and the space built up between." A belfry was added, within which, through the generosity of Mrs. Lydia Goodale (widow of Judge Goodale) a bell was soon placed. The church was rededicated July 2, 1846. Sermon by the pastor, Rev. Willard Janes, from the 26th psalm, 8th verse.

In 1890, through the munificence of Mr. Richard F. Newcomb of Quincy, Ill., a native of Bernardston, and a descendant of Judge Goodale, the building was materially changed, Mr. R. L. Crowell, chairman of the committee, having charge of the work. An addition was placed upon the north end, thus admitting in tasteful arches the pulpit, organ and choir loft and speakers' platform. The windows of the auditorium are of cathedral glass

"Through which the lights, rose, amber, emerald, blue,"  
glow in soft radiance upon the assembled worshippers.

Downstairs in place of the old vestry one beholds everything which good judgment could suggest pertaining to convenience and comfort. The Sunday school rooms are pleasant and well adapted to their use, while for the social gatherings of the parish, parlor and kitchen supply every need. Furnaces have supplanted the old stoves; in fact all bespeaks the sound taste and judgment expended upon the different apartments, and in these accessories and the renovation, free from debt practically, the society are to be congratulated. The rededication occurred December 12, 1890, the sermon being delivered by the Rev. Mr. Cowan of South Deerfield, from the



text "Thy kingdom come." The interest of the occasion was enhanced by the presence and participation in the exercises of the resident pastors, also of those of the neighboring towns. An interesting account of the founding of the society was given by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Strong, and letters filled with kindly expressions from absent friends were read.

"Two large revivals have been experienced, one in 1841, when 41 were admitted to the church in one year, one in 1852, and 11 were admitted. In 1839 an accession to the church was made by members from Gill."

For a considerable portion of the time since 1840 missionary aid has been received.

The society has been designated as the "First Presbyterian," later, in 1831, as the "Evangelical Congregational," and since 1833 as the "Orthodox Congregational." In 1891, at the first annual parish meeting after the repairs were made, the following was resolved:

"That we, members of the Orthodox Congregational society of Bernardston, hereby express their heartfelt thanks to Mr. Richard F. Newcomb of Quincy, Ill., for his very generous gift towards reconstructing and renovating their house of worship. This gift is the more appreciated since it comes from one representing the family of the original donor of the church property—the Hon. Job Goodale, whose devotion and support while the church was in the weakness of its infancy, makes his name inseparable from its history.

*Voted*, That the foregoing resolution and votes be placed upon the records of the society and a copy of the same be forwarded to Mr. Richard F. Newcomb.

*Voted*, That the church building now owned and occupied by the Orthodox Congregational society of Bernardston be hereafter known as the "Goodale Memorial Church."

At present there are about sixty church members.

#### DEACONS.

Timothy Slate,	chosen	1824.	Died	1847.
Perrin M. Richards,	"	1839.	Dismissed	1849.
Samuel W. Chapin,	"	1841.	Died	1851.
Lyman Griswold,	"	1849.(?)	"	1863.
Curtis Chapin,	"	1852.	"	1875.
Henry Slate,	"	1862.		
Arthur F. Wells,	"	1875.		

Rev. Vinson Gould, the first settled minister of the Orthodox society, was installed October 30, 1833, and the sermon on that occasion was by Rev. Artemas Boise. Mr. Gould was born in Sharon, Ct., August 13, 1773, graduated at Williams College, in 1797; was a tutor two years at that college; studied divinity with Dr. Backus of Somers, Ct., and was ordained at Southampton, Mass., August 21, 1801, as colleague with Rev. Jonathan Judd, first minister of that town. Dismissed from Southampton, January 5, 1832. He was dismissed from the society in Bernardston, December 21, 1836, after a ministry of a little more than three years. He resided afterwards at Southampton, and died there April 4, 1841, *ae.* about 68 years. In 1808 he married Mindwell, daughter of Dr. Sylvester Woodbridge of Southampton. She died in 1837. During his ministry in Bernardston he was preceptor of "Goodale Academy." Mr. Gould's ministry continued at Southampton till the fifth of January, 1832, a period of 31 years. Among his qualifications for sermonizing, was a remarkable power for illustration. Very few ministers made more pertinent use of passing events. The leading characteristic of his mind was quickness of apprehension. He seized with the rapidity of instinct or intuition upon any casual incident which could throw any light upon the subject in hand.

He gave much time and thought to the promotion of the interests of the common school. His peculiar talents had here a fine opportunity for employment. The ease, the perfect facility with which he could adapt his remarks to the capacities of those whom he addressed, have been acknowledged by all who were familiar with the circumstances. The same interest in children was manifest in the annual catechetical instruction which he superintended. In the summer of every year, nearly all the children and youth in the place between the ages of six and sixteen assembled in two parallel rows in the aisles of the meetinghouse, and recited to the pastor in the hearing of many of the congregation in four or five successive Sabbaths, the whole of the assembly's shorter catechism. The considerateness with which Mr. Gould put the more difficult questions to the trembling catechumen so that he could not miss, will long be remembered.

"Early in his ministry he labored for some months with good

success as a missionary in the destitute portions of Maine. When it was proposed to remove Williams college to Northampton, Mr. Gould acted with gratifying success as an agent in raising the large fund which the trustees of the college named as a condition of the removal. Of the old and very useful Hampshire Missionary Society he was a trustee and active friend. The Hampshire Education Society also found in him an intelligent and warm supporter. The dawn of the foreign missionary enterprise in 1810 he hailed as the indication of a brighter era to the church. Of the property which God had given him (larger than most clergymen are favored with) he was a liberal almoner. At a day when comparatively few Christians were awake to their great duty of laboring for the conversion of the world, he entered with characteristic ardor into the various plans of benevolence."

After his dismissal from the church in Southampton in 1832, Mr. Gould taught a high school in South Hadley. He subsequently preached for some time in Bernardston. He then returned with his family to his house in Southampton, continuing to preach as occasion offered, in the neighboring towns, and still feeling the deepest interest in the progress of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

Rev. Bancroft Fowler was installed as the second pastor of this church December 21, 1836, and the sermon was preached by Rev. Roger G. Hatch of Warwick. Mr. Fowler's ministry here was of two years' duration, he being dismissed December 31, 1838. He was born in Pittsfield, Mass., September 12, 1775; graduated at Yale College in 1796; studied law at Northampton two and a half years; was tutor at Williams College from 1799 to 1801; then assuming the same position at Yale, where he remained until 1804. May 22, 1805, he was settled as pastor at Windsor, Vt. He was dismissed from there in 1819; from this time until 1825, he occupied the chair of professor of sacred literature at Bangor seminary, then took up his residence at Pittsfield, Mass. In 1828 he took charge of a female seminary at West Brookfield, remaining there until 1831. He was installed as pastor of the Second (Orthodox) Congregational church in Northfield, April 21, 1831, and after a pastorate of about five years, was dismissed July 20, 1836. He then took charge of Goodale Academy in Bernardston, and was installed pas-

tor of the church there, as before mentioned. November 20, 1839, he was settled at Greenfield, N. H., and dismissed from there April 22, 1845. His final residence was at Stockbridge, where he died. He was twice married, first to Lucretia Curtis, who died at Bernardston, October 12, 1837, aged 49 years; second, to Miss Ripley of Greenfield, Mass. (?) She was buried at Greenfield, N. H.

Rev. Frederick Janes, the third minister of this society, was born in Northfield, Mass., May, 1808. His collegiate studies were pursued at Yale and Amherst colleges, but he did not graduate, although he spent several years in teaching and studying theology. November 8, 1837, he was ordained as an evangelist in New York City by Rev. Joshua Leavitt. Until 1838 he preached in North Walton, N. Y., then until 1840 in Colchester, N. Y. November 4, 1840, he was installed as pastor over the society in Bernardston, the sermon being by Rev. Charles Wiley of Northampton; he was dismissed after a pastorate of three years, November 9, 1843. In 1844 he was installed in Pelham, where he remained but a year. The three succeeding years he was agent for the American Protestant Society, then assumed charge of a female seminary in Western New York. After remaining here a year he preached some time in Michigan, then (1854) took up his residence in New York City, where he became the editor of the "Christian Parlor Magazine." He was the author of the genealogy of the Janes family. His last years were spent at the home of a daughter in Willington, Ct., where he had at one time preached, and his decease occurred there the latter part of the year 1890, at the age of 82 years. His father was Deacon Xenophon Janes of Northfield, and his ancestor, William Janes, who came from England in 1637. Wm<sup>l</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>, Xenophon<sup>5</sup>. He married September 15, 1833, Paulina Burnell, who died November 20, 1851, married (2) January 18, 1853, Rachel B. Truesdale, who died 1874.

#### CHILDREN.

Margaret P., b. September 17, 1834.

Mary S., b. June 28, 1836.

John C., b. July 6, 1839.

Lucy A., b. June 10, 1841; m. Albert Leffer.

Josephine A., b. December 10, 1854.



Wm. A., b. November 11, 1856.

Anna F., b. April 3, 1858.

Isabella, b. June 10, 1861; d. May 9, 1864.

Charles H., b. October 23, 1865.

Rev. Charles Kendall was born in Westminster, Mass., February 14, 1813, and was a son of Edward and Polly (Gerrish) Kendall. His early life was passed in his native place, serving as clerk in a country store six years. When 18 years of age he became personally interested in the subject of religion and he chose at once the ministry as his department of labor through life. In 1832 he entered Westminster Academy, and began his preparatory course under Wm. C. Clark, finishing the same under Josiah Clark, (who was later of Easthampton). In the fall of 1834 he entered Amherst College, remaining there two years, when the failure of his health compelled him to leave. In 1837, having in a measure regained his health, he returned a second time to Amherst, and graduated in 1839, in a class of 57. That fall he taught a select school in Oakham, entering the Union Theological seminary in New York in December of that year. From here he graduated June 24, 1842. He was licensed to preach by the third Presbytery, N. S. in New York, April 8, 1842, and the succeeding August began his labors in the ministry at South Hadley Falls. He left there in February, 1843, after fulfilling an engagement of 6 months. In the autumn of 1843 he received an invitation to settle over the Orthodox Congregational society in Bernardston, which he accepted, and was ordained January 24, 1844, Rev. T. Packard, Jr., preaching the sermon. He remained in town until 1853, when, on account of impaired health, he left for a residence in East Tennessee, but was taken ill on the way, which induced a change of plans. He was for six months engaged in teaching a female seminary in Mercersburg, Pa., where also he supplied for the greater part of that time the pulpit of the O. S. Presbyterian church. He was dismissed from his pastorate charge in Bernardston, July, 1854, having been there ten years. The same year he began to labor with the church in South Royalston, Mass., and continued until January, 1856. The following May he was invited to take charge of the Trinitarian church in Petersham; here he remained until October, 1860, when he removed to Auburn, Mass., to take charge of the church in that



place, and where he remained six years. From conscientious motives Mr. Kendall was never installed over but one church. As a supply he felt that he could accomplish more good and he always identified himself with the church where he labored, thus becoming responsible to his own church. He was married July 25, 1842, to Maria, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth Howe of Marlboro, who died September 28, 1858, in Petersham. Mrs. Kendall was educated at Amherst and Mt. Holyoke seminary. She had the care of the female department in New Salem academy one or more years, and was also associate principal in the academy in Mexico, N. Y. She left five children: Harriet E., born September 2, 1843, in Marlboro; Charles Henry, born July 15, 1845, in Bernardston and Agnes Maria, born September 15, 1858, in Petersham. Possessed of a quick, well-balanced mind and a kind and benevolent spirit, she was always greatly beloved by every people among whom her lot was cast.

On June 21, 1859, Mr. Kendall married (2) Sarah E., daughter of Benjamin and Mary Gilbert of Stamford, N. Y. She was educated at the female seminary in Mercersburg, Pa., and for some time was teacher in the Collegiate Institute in her native place.

Mr. Kendall was a man who won his way into the hearts of the people in a manner given only to a few, and not only his old parishioners, but the townspeople as well, all hold him in loving remembrance. Throughout the county he was well known for his constant interest in all good reforms, in education, music and temperance. That he possessed a keen sense of the humorous, is illustrated by the following incident: While preaching in town he borrowed one Saturday afternoon a five dollar bill from the parish treasurer. Monday morning he promptly paid it back, and upon Mr. N——'s remarking that it was the same bill which he had borrowed, Mr. Kendall replied Yes! He had simply borrowed it because he thought that he could preach better with the knowledge that he had a little money in his pocket, from which we may conclude that in those times, in the smaller places at least, money was not at all times any too plenty. Likewise it may have illustrated a truism in that the sense of possession even of a little, enters largely into the element of success.

Mr. Kendall died March 19, 1873, in Windham Center, N. Y., where he was in charge of the Congregational Society. "He passed away as he had lived, with a perfect trust in the Lord."

Rev. Willard Brigham was born May 4, 1813, in Marlboro, Mass., where his paternal ancestors had resided since the first settlement of the town. His collegiate education was obtained at Williams College, from which he graduated in 1838. Pursuing his studies further, he completed the Andover Theological course in June, 1842. For one year, 1839-40 he taught the academy at Pepperell. In the winter of 1842-3 he went to Wardsboro, Vt., and May 24, 1843, was installed over the Congregational church in North Wardsboro. Here he remained 12 years, being dismissed March 20, 1855. The two succeeding months he supplied for the church at Plainfield, Mass., receiving a call to settle there and to which a negative answer was returned. From June 1, 1855, to March, 1856, he supplied at Bernardston, removing thence to Ashfield, Mass., where he was formally installed March 12, 1856.

Mr. Brigham was twice married. His first wife was Maria Davenport of Boylston, with whom he united himself May 4, 1843; she died in Ashfield, September 21, 1857. His second was a Miss Cleveland of Medford, Mass. His children were Helen F., Albert J., Herbert W. and Mary M. Brigham.

Succeeding Rev. Mr. Brigham, came Rev. Harrison Greenough Park. He was ordained August 12, 1856, and dismissed April 26, 1858. Mr. Park was the son of Rev. Dr. Calvin Park of Providence, R. I., and a brother of the distinguished Andover theologian. He was educated at Brown University and Princeton Seminary.

Prior to his pastorate here, he had been engaged in ministerial work at South Dedham, South Danvers and Burlington, and had also been engaged in the publication of a family magazine.

After leaving town he had a short pastorate at Westminster, Vt., and was for several years agent of the Massachusetts Temperance Alliance, residing at Norwood, Mass., where he died June 28, 1876, in his seventieth year.

In 1854 he published a book, entitled "A Voice from the Parsonage." He was a talented and able preacher, but his connection

with a business establishment — which he entered into with the hope of bringing new residents into the town and so advancing the interests of his charge—interfered with his pastoral success.

One of his daughters—Julia, was married to Henry, son of Mr. John Valentine Hale of this place.

Rev. Theodore Jarvis Clark has twice been connected with this society, the only pastor thus honored.

He was the son of Dea. Enos and Susan Allen Clark, and was born at Northampton, Mass., February 14, 1815. His collegiate education was obtained at Williams, graduating from that institution in 1836. The succeeding year was spent as a teacher at Kenyon College, Ohio. His theological studies were begun at East Windsor, Vt., remaining there one year, then teaching a year at Northampton, and finishing his studies at the Andover Theological school in 1841.

October 5, 1842, he married Julia Pierpont, daughter of Alvah and Mary Hollister of Manchester, Vt. October 11 of that year he was ordained pastor of the church at Cummington, Mass., received his dismission May 26, 1852, but continued to preach there as a supply until April 11, 1859. June 19 following, he was installed over the church in Bernardston, continuing in that relation till May 1, 1861. June 11, 1862, he took pastoral charge of the second church in Ashfield, Mass.

In 1885 he returned to Bernardston to reside. Soon after, the pulpit of the Orthodox society was left vacant by the resignation of Rev. Mr. Grimes, and Mr. Clark was invited to supply, which he did until May, 1888, nearly three years.

His ministry here was characterized by a feeling of good fellowship with all his ministerial colleagues, and an earnest, hearty co-operation on the part of his parishioners. He died 1896, at Northfield.

Rev. Daniel H. Rogan was the pastor of this society from 1861 to 1863. He was a native of Tennessee, where he was preaching at the breaking out of the rebellion. Ardently supporting the Union's cause, he was obliged to sacrifice all that he had and flee to the northern States, a section with which he was acquainted, as

he had graduated at Amherst college and his wife was an Amherst lady, Miss Hunt. He preached his farewell sermon in Bernardston, March 23, 1863, and was ordained over the north parish at Greenfield, Mass., the next Sabbath, March 30. He was a man cordially remembered by all, an excellent preacher and devoted to the best interests of the cause in which he labored.

Rev. Andrew Butler Foster was the son of Andrew Butler and Clarissa (Davenport) Foster; he was born in Brookline, Mass., December 6, 1819. Four years later his father died, and his mother returning to her former home, Dorchester, Mass., it was there that his boyhood was spent, and his primary education received. In 1833 he entered Phillips-Andover Academy, three years later—1836—he entered Amherst College, where he remained for the four years' course, graduating in 1840.

He first connected himself with Dr. Codman's church in Dorchester in 1836. Upon the completion of the collegiate course in 1840, he began his ministerial studies at the Connecticut Theological institute at East Windsor. His ordination took place in 1844 at Orford, N. H. Here he remained for seven years, asking for and receiving his dismissal because of a throat trouble, which obliged him to abandon, for the time being, his professional work. During this time he was associate principal of Thetford, Vt., academy. In 1852 he resumed ministerial labor, being installed at Petersham, Mass., and remaining there three years. His succeeding pastorates were at Erving, Gill, Hanson, Westminster, Vt. In 1863, he assumed charge of the Congregational parish in Bernardston, going thence in 1865 to Orange, Mass.

In 1872 a return of the throat trouble formerly experienced compelled him to again give up his chosen vocation, and he accordingly engaged in business, purchasing an interest in a drug store in Orange. He later succeeded to an entire ownership. In 1889 failing health obliged him to retire from any active labor. His death occurred at Orange, February 25, 1891.

Mr. Foster was married October 3, 1844, to Irene C. Cooley of Amherst, Mass.

Rev. Truman Allen Merrill is a native of Maine, born in Pros-



pect in 1818. His father was Rev. Thomas Merrill, a pastor of the Baptist church in Prospect from the year 1814 until his death in 1824.

Mr. Merrill early engaged in teaching, which avocation he most successfully pursued for three years in the city schools of Bangor, Maine, also in the country towns in his native State. His theological study was obtained at Bangor Theological seminary, from which he graduated in 1855. His ordination in the gospel ministry took place at Bristol, Me., July 14, 1858. He served brief pastorates in Richmond and Belfast, then in May, 1865, took up his work in Bernardston, where he labored most successfully for eight years. Upon his arrival the society seemed in a weak condition, but hard work soon developed an interest in religious work, and during the years that followed, Mr. Merrill had the satisfaction of seeing the church established once more upon a firm and progressive foundation. The church edifice was thoroughly repaired and the organ purchased, thus adding to the attractiveness of the place of worship. Especially was a fraternal spirit inculcated, and union meetings with other denominations were carefully arranged and most successfully carried out, thus bringing about a spirit of religious harmony throughout the town, and a brotherly interest each for his neighbor, was excited to an unusual degree.

The interest instilled by early teaching and educational work accomplished in Maine, led Mr. Merrill to immediately identify himself with all educational movements here, and a valuable acquisition he proved himself. For seven years he served as a member of the school board, having as his coadjutors the foremost men of the place. At the time of his removal from town he was secretary of the board of trustees of Powers Institute, and had previously served on the board of trustees of Cushman Library. Public sentiment concerning temperance reform made remarkable progress during his residence here, and Mr. Merrill was always to be found earnestly advocating its importance and furthering the cause by all possible clean, business like methods.

After his departure from town, he served successful pastorates of eight years in Wayland, Mass., four in Chesterfield, and two each in



New Braintree and Southville, Mass. He then had charge of a mission in the town of Industry, Me., where a large part of his boyhood was spent.

In 1840, when the country was beginning to be shaken with the anti-slavery agitation, Mr. Merrill decidedly arrayed himself on the side of right and had the satisfaction of depositing his first presidential ballot, in company with one other young man, for James G. Birney, the abolition candidate. This was in Industry, Me., and was the beginning in that town of the Republican movement. Two votes for liberty and righteousness against 200 for the spoils of office and slavery, for there seemed to be no principle at stake in nearly all cases. Five years later he was chosen to represent the town in the State legislature on the abolition platform, winning the election against the two candidates of the other parties. He had no taste for political life, but was always a fearless defender of honesty and right in political principles and methods, and to-day is not ashamed of his first vote or of the part he bore in the formation of public sentiment that bore fruit in the election of Abraham Lincoln to the Presidency, and in the latter's proclamation, issued January 1, 1863, which emancipated three and a half millions of human beings and made our nation free.

Mr. Merrill brought with him to his life in Bernardston a wife and three daughters, who were most helpful to him in parish work.

"Mrs. Merrill was a model minister's wife, wise, kind, efficient. With such a wife as she no minister could help being successful. When tidings came of her death in 1890, there was sorrow in many homes in Bernardston as in other parishes where her influence had been felt, and where her memory is cherished with high esteem. The beloved daughters now reside in Malden, Mass., where Mr. Merrill makes his home when not engaged in the mission work."

These twenty years' absence have not weakened the interest always felt in our beautiful town, and the social, religious and educational history of the place is indebted to Mr. Merrill for much of his fostering care and deep forethought expended while in this parish.

Rev. L. M. Pierce, although born in Olney, Ill., in 1842, is de-

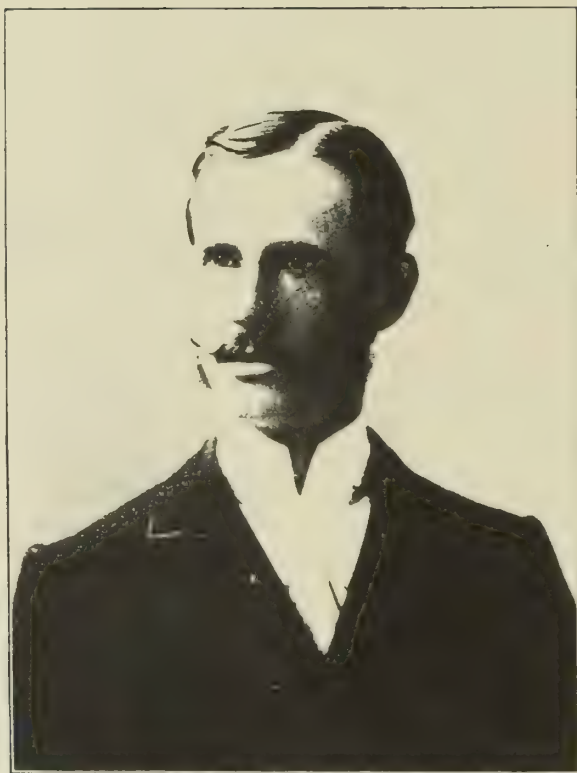
scended from New England ancestry. His parents removed to Illinois from Londonderry, Vt., and when Mr. Pierce was but a few years old, returned to their earlier home in Vermont. Here he spent his boyhood, receiving his elementary education in the common schools. He finished his preparatory studies at the Springfield, Vt., seminary, and in 1861 entered the Middlebury, Vt., college. The Civil War, which caused such a change in the plans of nearly every one, was responsible for a cessation of his studies during the year 1864; a portion of that time was expended as a delegate to the Christian Commission in the hospitals of Washington, D. C., and the rest in the army of the Potomac.

In the spring of 1865, collegiate work was resumed. Graduation occurred in 1866, with the honors conferred of being salutatorian of the class, and of the Waldo prize for scholarship and good conduct. While in college he was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

In early manhood, while attending the seminary at Springfield, Mr. Pierce experienced religion, soon after uniting with the Congregational church in Springfield. Conscientious in his motives and most sincere and earnest in his convictions, he from the first was drawn to ministerial labor and soon made choice of work in that direction as being the means by which he could best serve his Master's cause. His theological studies were pursued at Andover Theological seminary, beginning in the fall of 1866, and graduating in 1869. He immediately began to labor as a home missionary in Glenwood, Miss., remaining until 1871, when returning East, he became pastor of the Congregational church at Provincetown, Mass. After a year spent here, nervous prostration, resulting from typhoid fever, necessitated a complete rest.

Some months later a call was received from the Congregational church in Bernardston, which was accepted, and his pastorate there began November 1, 1873, terminating July 1, 1883. Upon his removal from town, a vacation was taken, three months being spent in travel abroad, the countries of England, Scotland, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland and France being visited. May 1, 1884, he was settled over the church at Blackstone, Mass., which has continued to be his charge and residence.





REV D STRONG.

May 24, 1876, Mr. Pierce married Catherine Billings of East Arlington, Vt. Mrs. Pierce is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke Seminary.

During Mr. Pierce's able pastorate of nearly ten years here, the time was one of great prosperity to the church, the membership having been increased over 75 per cent., which fact bespeaks in most favorable terms the eloquence and wise discharge of the duties devolving upon the head of the organization.

Rev. Frank J. Grimes supplied the pulpit from 1883 to 1885, at which time Rev. Theodore J. Clark entered upon his second pastorate, remaining until May, 1888.

In October following came Rev. David Humphrey Strong, a son of the late Rev. David A. Strong. He is a native of South Deerfield, being born there May 7, 1856. His boyhood was spent there and at Colrain, whither his parents removed in 1866, and it was at these places that he laid the foundations of his education. In 1873 he entered the Williston Academy at Easthampton, intending to complete the course therein prescribed, at the same time engaging in amateur printing. The close of the first year, however, necessitated a change of plan, as broken health caused for the time being a suspension of both study and work. Not to be thus foiled, he continued a little later, as his physical condition would admit, a course of private study, by supplementing which with one or two terms of schooling, he was enabled to enter, on examination, Williams College in 1878. Graduating here in 1882, he immediately entered the Hartford Theological seminary, where he remained three years, graduating in 1885. While here, during the intervals of study he engaged in work for the Home Missionary Society. The summer of 1883 was spent in Freedom, Maine, as acting pastor of a church, although not licensed as a preacher. Twelve months later, receiving papers of license from the Hartford Central Association, he went West, choosing for his station the town of Dwight, situated upon the Dakota prairies, and preaching in a schoolhouse, the only church known in too many of the Western villages. Here he numbered as among his workers in the Sunday school, John Miller, who afterwards became the first governor of the new State of Dakota. His work prepared the way for a church organization, and recently a church has there been erected.



Upon the completion of his studies in 1885, Mr. Strong was united in marriage to Miss Abbie Hardy of Colrain; soon after he went to the State of Vermont to serve as pastor of the Congregational churches at Weston and Londonderry, and it was while here that he was regularly ordained to the gospel ministry. Three years were here spent, but the arduous duties necessitated by a double parish proving too great a strain, he withdrew from that field of labor, and in October, 1888, formed a connection with the Congregational church in this place. It is not too much to say that the constant prosperity and increased interest in the society well attested the popularity of Mr. Strong, and at the same time bears witness to his capabilities for his chosen profession.

Mr. Strong was also the efficient librarian of Cushman Library, a position he held since September, 1889.

In 1900 he resigned his pastorate, much to the regret of both the society and townspeople, and accepted a call to the Congregational church at Williamstown, Orange County, Vt., his present residence.

The present pastor is Rev. Edward Day, a graduate of Andover Theological seminary, and a man much interested in and devoted to literary pursuits.

### UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY.

This society was organized as a "Restoration Society." August 20, 1820, a warrant was issued by Jonathan Allen for a meeting of those interested in and inclined to this form of worship and belief. The petition for this warrant was signed by George Alexander, Eliezer Chamberlain, Horace Atherton, Izatus Sheldon, Charles J. Ryther, Stephen Webster, Dr. Gideon Ryther, David Ryther, Joseph Pickett, Francis Munn. Doubtless these were among the first church members. September 4, 1820, a meeting was held at the village schoolhouse. Of this meeting, Samuel Pickett was chosen Moderator, James Doty, Clerk, E. Chamberlain, Treasurer, Stephen Webster, Samuel Pickett and Dorus Bascom, Committee. Roswell Purple, Collector.

The first service recorded was held November 5, 1820, at the schoolhouse, Rev. Jacob Wood being the officiating clergyman. In June, 1821, use was made of the Baptist church, in which services

were held. Oct. 7, 1822, Samuel Pickett, Joab Scott, Eliezur Chamberlain, James Doty, Jr., and Jona. Connable were chosen a committee "to get the wherewith to build a meeting house" and a constitution was adopted.

Feb. 4, 1823, it was voted to build a church; money (\$800) was raised by subscription for that purpose, and 4<sup>8</sup> rods of land purchased from Job Goodale, Esq. The building committee was Samuel Pickett, Isaac Burrows, Roswell Purple, Horace Atherton and Izatus Sheldon. May 17 of that year, by action of the legislature, the society took the name of the First Universalist society, having changed their creed somewhat, led by Rev. John Brooks, then pastor.

In 1852 the building was thoroughly repaired and a belfry added, the rededication taking place December 22 of that year. At this time many who were regular attendants joined the society in Leyden, withdrawing to a membership with the Bernardston church at the time of its formal organization (or reorganization) June 2, 1872, at which time there were 16 church members.

The society, always a small one, continued to hold services at intervals until about 1884-5, when it was finally deemed advisable to dispose of the church property, and in 1888 the society's real estate was deeded to the Massachusetts Universalist convention. The building was accordingly sold, and was about 1890 converted into a carriage and paint shop. The Universalist society, as such, ceased to exist, and its few members found for themselves a religious fellowship with the other societies.

Rev. Jacob Wood was for a time the acting pastor upon the first establishment of the society, but was never formally settled so far as is known.

Rev. John Brooks was the first settled pastor, he being ordained as an evangelist in 1823. He continued to preach about five years, then returned to his original profession, that of a physician, and as such was much better known. Further account of his life will be found in that part devoted to genealogy.

The society was not able to continue a settled pastor, at all times being small, and the necessary aid financially not being forthcoming.

ing. Hence it is that there are so many intervals between the settled pastors, when either services were discontinued entirely or held occasionally as a supply could be procured. Much of the time it was voted to procure preaching one quarter or one-half of the time in proportion to the amount of the funds which could be raised.

Rev. Orren Perkins was the third pastor of the Universalist society, which relation he sustained from 1847 to 1851, four years. He was the son of William Perkins, a farmer of Savoy, Mass., where he was born August 11, 1823. Of a naturally slender constitution, his efforts to obtain the rudiments of knowledge were required to surmount various difficulties. But a small portion of his time could be devoted to learning, at the best, his father requiring his assistance upon the farm a greater part of the time when bodily health and strength admitted much activity. With passing years, however, his health improved, and by making the most of the time allotted, he found himself at the age of 19 years sufficiently advanced to be able to assume a position as teacher, which vocation he followed the most of the time for the three succeeding years, attending to farm work during his vacations, and devoting all his leisure hours to study. It was during these years that he made choice of his profession, and immediately set about preparing himself for it by studying theology with the pastor of the Universalist society in Adams, and reciting in Greek to L. O. Sayles, Esq., of the same place.

His ministerial labors began in Bernardston in June, 1847; here he was ordained, and in December of that year he married Miss Sarah M. Clinton of Cooperstown, N. Y., and by whom he has three children. In 1851 he was invited to take pastoral charge of the society in Wilmington, Vt. Here he remained three years, meeting with good success, and the society were unanimous in desiring his services retained. Owing to the ill health of Mrs. Perkins, however, this course seemed inadvisable. He next preached for a time at Shirley Village, Mass., and in June, 1855, he accepted an invitation extended by the Universalist society of Winchester, N. H., at which place he was still stationed in 1862.

Although devoting himself largely to his profession, he still

found time to accomplish a good deal in the line of educational and literary work. In 1860 he published selections from the writings of the Rev. Dr. Chapin, entitled "Living Words."

In 1861 he was appointed by the Governor of New Hampshire as school commissioner for Cheshire County, receiving a reappointment the next year. In 1862 he was chosen as representative to the State Legislature.

Rev. H. B. Butler, son of Moody and Lydia (Burt) Butler, was born in Greenfield, N. H., January 1, 1827. His father was a farmer, and like others of that calling, needed his son's assistance. Consequently no regular course of study was pursued, although allowed the privileges of the district school. An eager desire to learn and a resulting determination to make the most of each and every opportunity, made possible what would have been otherwise unobtainable. He was permitted in his leisure moments to recite Latin to a physician of the place. When nearly 18 years old he was enabled to spend three years at the Lebanon, N. H., Academy, and one year at school at Swanzey and Marlowe, N. H. During this time the winter months were spent in teaching. Attaining his majority, he gave up his studies for the time being, and entered a paper mill at Bennington, N. H. August 27, 1849, he married Millicent K., daughter of Caleb C. and Lydia (Simmons) Dagget of Westmoreland, N. H.

In 1851, Mr. Butler began his ministerial studies under the direction of Rev. N. R. Wright of Washington, N. H. The latter is now (1892) residing at Lynn, Mass., aged nearly 90 years. While here he also studied Greek with Prof. Sanborn, author of Sanborn's Grammar. In 1852, he began as a Universalist preacher, still, however, continuing his studies. In April, 1853, he began his labors in Bernardston, preaching also in Chesterfield, N. H.,—one-half of the time being given to each place. His pastorate here lasted for 14 years, 6 months, and not only was he endeared to the people of his parish, but also to the citizens generally, and faithfully did he serve their interests in the offices he was called upon to fill.

For nearly three years he was selectman, and for 12 years chairman of the school board. While living here, there were five children born to him. In 1867 he removed to Munroe, Wis., where he



labored six years in his profession, then he went to Algona, Iowa, his present residence. For three years he had charge of a parish at Owattona, Minn. He is now living on a farm with his son, his wife and daughter having both passed to their final rest, the former in December, 1889, the latter in April, 1889.

To the people of the passing generation in town, the mention of Mr. Butler's name recalls both vivid and pleasant remembrances of his association here, and the good he so worthily rendered in his Master's calling.

Concerning the Revs. White, Thompson and Danforth, but little has been learned. Their pastorates here extended over but a short time each. Following came the last settled pastor the society had, Rev. Ezekiel W. Coffin. His pastorate here extended over some two or three years. He was an invalid when he came, and in November, 1879, he resigned because of increasing infirmities. His death occurred December 11, 1879, of paralysis, aged 69 years, 3 months and 27 days. "Though nearly a stranger when he came to reside in town as pastor of the Universalist church, yet by earnestness, patience and large sympathy, though an invalid and a sufferer all the time, he endeared himself to all with whom he became acquainted, and to his parish, for his Christian work, he was the object of its richest reverence and love and it never seemed weary in ministering to his wants." He left a wife, Mary E. W. Coffin, and one son, Frank H. Coffin.

### THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL SOCIETY.

The early history of this society it is well-nigh impossible to obtain, from the fact that the first church records were destroyed by the burning of a dwelling within which they were kept. This loss is greatly to be deplored, as much of value and interest is irrevocably gone. It is known that a Methodist class was formed in town as early as 1799, but of its prosperity tradition does not say. From that time to 1811 all facts are lost. Doubtless from the memory of some older inhabitants one might glean some information, could we know to whom to apply. Probably there were some devotees of that denomination, although not enough to enable them to found a church.



According to the historical notes now extant the first record of Methodism in town is found as follows:

"Copy of the Doings of the Society called Methodis. Bern. Dec. 6, 1811.

At a society meeting of the methodis. proceeded as follows.

1st chose Samuel Hoges moderator.

2nd " Peter Jacobs. Clerk.

3rd " Zadoc Briggs & Asap. Munn, committee, "who certified that the following persons belonged" to the Methodis Religious Society in Bernardston.

Peter Jacobs, Teacher.

Samuel Hoges.

Ansel Briggs.

Lyman Jacobs.

Frederic Thomas.

Sara Briggs.

Elijah Kingsley.

Chileab Hale.

#### BELONGING TO GILL.

Zebediah Darling.

Stephen Kenney.

Asaph Munn.

Asahel Wrisley.

John Chace."

From an old class book bearing the date 1831, at which time Humphrey Hains and Philo Hawks were the ministers, is found the names of Orange Scott, Presiding Elder, and Joseph Connable, leader. In May, 1842, Philo Hawks still in charge, the members and friends of the Methodist Episcopal church in Bernardston met according to previous notice at the house of Hosea Aldrich and formed themselves into a society with 21 members. The meeting was opened by prayer by Rev. Philo Hawks, and Timothy K. Horton was chosen moderator, Timothy P. Slate, clerk. "Voted to form ourselves into a society to be called the Methodist Episcopal Society of Bernardston. We whose names are hereunto annexed acknowledge ourselves as belonging to said society:

Levi Park.

John Nelson.

Gamaliel Kingsley.

Timothy P. Slate.

Timothy K. Horton.

Ruggles Baggs.

Anson Flint.

Seth Field.

Hosea Aldrich.

Albert Corbet.

Moses Aldrich.

Hepsibah Atherton.

Amasa Sheldon.

Freedom A. Hale.

Parmelia Hastings.

John Wells.

Elvira Hartwell.

Reuben Park, Jr.

Hiram Whitcomb.

Charles P. Guillow.

Charles S. Park."

William Gordon was in charge of Gill circuit, to which Bernardston then belonged, and Rev. Asa Haynes, a highly esteemed local preacher of Guilford, Vt., supplied the pulpit. In 1844, Rev. Ichabod Marcy was appointed pastor, having charge of the district lying between Northfield Mountain and North River, Colrain. The services were held in the Universalist church, and a Sunday school was organized. Rev. John S. Day and Rufus P. Buffington came next. During the pastorate of the latter, the society for some reason found it difficult to hold its own, and for a time after his dismissal the pulpit was supplied. In 1852 the church was built, during the pastorate of Rev. Solomon Cushman. The land upon which the church stood was purchased of Miss Mary Chamberlain, and the church erected by Mr. Phillip Traver of Greenfield. It was completed and presented July 1, 1852, to the following named gentlemen, trustees of the society: John Nelson, Charles S. Park, R. Park, Jr., T. P. Slate and H. Smith. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Dr. Terombly of Brooklyn. Dr. William Butler was present and also took part in the exercises. Mr. Horace Smith was ordained local deacon by Bishop Baker at Westfield, April 23, 1854, and often preached as supply, thus aiding much at a time when the society stood in need of support. In 1856-7 there was an average membership of about 50. In 1873 the parsonage was built. About 1874 a revival of much interest was experienced, led by the "praying band" of Springfield. As a result a large number were added to the church. In 1881 the church was enlarged, the interior thoroughly repaired, and rededicated free from debt December 9, 1881, Rev. I. G. Ross being the pastor. At the present time the society membership is about 75; much interest is manifested and the Methodist Episcopalians are recognized as one of the leading societies of the place. The officers of the church embrace two class leaders, seven stewards and five trustees. The steward's duty is to see that the pastor's claim is met for his support, and to report at each quarterly conference the financial affairs of the church. The board of trustees hold the church property in trust for the benefit of the church. They are required to see that all needful repairs are made and are accountable to the quarterly conference, to which they report annually.

The pastors of the church have been:

William Tod,	- - - - -	1831
Oliver E. Bosworth, in charge, D. K. Bannister a supply,	- - - - -	1832-3
William Kimball in charge, Wm. Wilcut a supply,	- - - - -	1834-5
Moses Stoddard,	- - - - -	1836
Philo Hawks in charge, David Winslow, associate,	- - - - -	1841
Asa Haynes of Guilford,	- - - - -	1842-3
David Todd,	- - - - -	1843-4
Ichabod Marcy,	- - - - -	1844-5
John S. Day, m. Int. rec. July 12, 1845, Anna P. Frost of Newbury, Vt.,	- - - - -	1846
Rufus P. Buffington,	- - - - -	1846-7
John Rickets,	- - - - -	1848-9
William Clapp,	- - - - -	1849-50
Solomon Cushman,	- - - - -	1852
J. Jones,	- - - - -	1854-5
John Capen,	- - - - -	1855-6
John Noon,	- - - - -	1856-7
Amos Bowker,	- - - - -	1857-9
Rufus Gerrish,	- - - - -	1859-60
A. N. Field, (went to the war)	- - - - -	1861
G. N. Merrifield,	- - - - -	1862-4
Osmun W. Adams,	- - - - -	1864-6
J. F. Crowl,	- - - - -	1866-8
A. Baylies,	- - - - -	1868-70
W. Wignall,	- - - - -	1871-2
M. C. Chapin,	- - - - -	1872-3
J. Cadwell,	- - - - -	1873-5
N. F. Stevens, died here June 8, 1879,	- - - - -	1875-6
Ichabod Marcy,	- - - - -	1876-9
C. H. Vinton,	- - - - -	1879-80
I. G. Ross,	- - - - -	1881-3
T. C. Martin,	- - - - -	1883-4
F. M. Miller,	- - - - -	1884-7
A. W. Baird,	- - - - -	1887-90
James Sutherland,	- - - - -	1890
Frank H. Wheeler,	- - - - -	1893
Wm. Von Best,	- - - - -	1894
Rev. Long,	- - - - -	1895-96
F. Bell,	- - - - -	1897
Rev. L. I. Holloway,	- - - - -	1899-1900

The greatest number of members recorded in one year since 1860 is 108, during Mr. Vinton's pastorate.

Concerning the very early ministers of this denomination there

is comparatively little to be learned for the most part. Upon the establishment of the church in 1831, Rev. William Tod ministered to its needs for a year.

Following him came Oliver E. Bosworth in charge, and Rev. D. K. Bannister as a supply.

David Kingsley Bannister was born in Chesterfield, Mass., March 23, 1808; he was one of nine children, the oldest son, and next to the oldest child. When nine years of age he left home to earn his own way in the world, consequently his educational advantages were very slight, but they were improved to the utmost. When 14 years old the death of his father rendered it necessary that he should contribute to the support of the family. From this time on, he labored in the summer and taught school in the winter.

At the age of 23 he took a decided religious stand, and soon after devoted himself to the ministry, receiving an exhorter's license signed by Ephraim Scott. For nine months he gave himself wholly to study, preaching as occasion presented. In 1833 he received his first appointment under the presiding elder, Orange Scott. His work was on the Gill and Colrain circuit, and included several towns, Bernardston being one of the number; this was a six weeks' circuit. In 1834 he joined the conference on trial, was sent to Little Compton, R. I., and the succeeding year, to the Barnstable circuit. His success from the very beginning was most marked, everywhere winning the love and confidence of his people, and his power and influence for the Master's cause was most decided. According to the custom of the times, during the first five years of his professional life he received his board and lodging largely from his parishioners, and in addition, from \$66.00 to \$80.00 yearly. In 1836-7 he married Harriet Newel Steele, daughter of Rev. Joel Steele. They had seven children, of whom three are living. He died at Ludlow, Mass., June 27, 1886. His family still reside there.

As reference to the list of pastors will show, there were a number who ministered to this church during the next ten years, most of them remaining but a year or so.

Rev. Ichabod Marcy has twice been appointed to lead this society in worship; first in 1844-5 and again in 1876-9. He is descended from John Marcy, who came to this country April 13, 1686, from

England. He settled between 1686-9 in Woodstock, Ct.; married Sarah Hadlock, who was born at Roxbury, Mass., December 16, 1670, had eleven children.

Mr. Marcy was born in Leyden, Mass., July 16, 1811. Until the age of 16, he attended district schools for about two months each year. For the next five years he served an apprenticeship to a hat-maker. He was converted in Colrain, and was one of the first in organizing a Methodist church in that town. His ministerial studies were begun at Shelburne Falls in the spring of 1833; there and a year spent at Wilbraham, prepared him for college, and his further education was obtained at the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Ct., from which he graduated in 1839. In 1841 he began preaching, and in 1844-5 was located at Bernardston, Gill and Leyden (which constituted a circuit), as he was also in 1876-9. He saw 46 years of active work, more than is allotted to most pastors. Mr. Marcy was the first preacher appointed to the charge in Bernardston; the circuit then included Gill, Leyden and Northfield, at which places one-half the time was spent, the other half being devoted to the Bernardston parish. At this time there was neither church nor parsonage owned by the society, and services were held at the Universalist church.

Mr. Marcy has been long known in this community, and has endeared himself to many outside of his denomination. He died March 20, 1899, in Dorchester, Mass. He married Sarah Haws, daughter of Elijah and Rebecca Gill of Chesterville, Me., June 23, 1841.

#### CHILDREN.

Charles De Witt, b. October 24, 1842.

Harriet Eliza, b. May 26, 1846; m. W. D. Murdock.

Rev. A. N. Field was here only a short time by reason of his taking part in the great civil conflict then engaging the nation. His wife, Nellie, died August 9, 1862, at the age of 25 years.

Rev. F. M. Miller was here from 1884 to 1887.

Rev. Solomon Cushman was born in Southwick, July 28, 1804, and was the son of Capt. Simeon Merritt Cushman. His lineage is traceable to Rev. Robert Cushman, the Puritan ancestor, through



Simeon M.,<sup>6</sup> Solomon,<sup>5</sup> Benjamin,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Elder Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Rev. Robert.<sup>1</sup> He married November 1, 1824, Betsey Williams, daughter of William Prentice. His was not a collegiate education, but rather such as a hard working student could obtain in the common schools. In 1838 he was ordained to the ministry, and preached in various places in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. He was in Bernardston two, and Gill one and one-half years. While stationed at the latter place, he died suddenly October 8, 1853. He was an able, earnest preacher, winning for himself the respect and esteem of all.

Rev. A. W. Baird was the son of a farmer, and born in Lysander, N. Y., January 13, 1846. His minority was passed in farm and shop work, acquiring such knowledge as was available in the district schools. At the age of eighteen he became possessed of a desire to acquire a better training preparatory to entering the ministry, and accordingly entered the Falley Seminary, N. Y., through which he finally worked his way, and entered the theological department of the Boston University, graduating after a four years' course in 1872, since which time he has had various appointments. Mr. Baird made it his home in Bernardston from April, 1887, until April, 1890.

Rev. N. F. Stevens resided in town until his death, June 8, 1879, *ae.* 48. He was in feeble health for a number of years.

Rev. Horace Smith was ordained as an evangelist at Hadley, February 27, 1822, and went to Trumbull County, Ohio, in the service of the Hampshire Missionary Society. Many of the latter years of his life were spent in town as a carpenter, his last home being in North Bernardston, and later, the site of the old Brick Fort.

### THE DORRELLITES.

In various parts of the country one frequently reads accounts of and wonders at the strange so-called religious zeal manifested. Fanaticism seems oftentimes a more appropriate term. While we see and wonder, how many of the younger generation, surely, realize that about the year 1794, there sprang up here in our midst, a sect, whose teachings were just as fanatical and just as foreign

to all civilized Christian practises as was possible for them to be. From the name of the founder of this order, William Dorrell, came the name of these strange believers, "The Dorrellites." In 1882 F. M. Thompson, Esq., read a most excellent paper upon this subject before the P. V. M. A., and free reference has been made to his production for much of the following, supplemented by notes of the conversations held by Gov. Cushman with both Mr. Dorrell and some of his followers.

On Monday, January 27, 1834, in company with Geo. T. Davis, Esq., of Greenfield, Gov. Cushman writes that he visited "William Dorrell—alias—the famous imposter, Dorrell." He was the son of an English farmer, born in Yorkshire, Eng., March 15, 1752. He became in early life a soldier, serving through three campaigns in Ireland; after this he emigrated to America and served through two campaigns here, being under Burgoyne at his surrender in 1777.

Upon his resumption of civil life, he settled at Petersham, Mass. Here he married Polly Chase, a woman ten years his junior. At the expiration of two years he moved to Warwick; his home for some succeeding years was in Northfield, in 1784 going thence to Leyden.

In appearance he was described as being large of stature, six feet or more in height, his forehead full and sloping, eyes quick, "and having the phrenological development of firmness very full indeed." He was in many respects a most remarkable man, although a most ignorant and intemperate one. Intoxicated to the worst degree, or perfectly sober, he was never known to make an engagement which he did not fulfill to the letter. Uneducated, not even able to read or write, he nevertheless possessed an unusually retentive memory, being able to repeat a large portion of the Bible from hearing it read by his wife. He was possessed of a pleasing address, which, combined with good native talent, must have constituted an important factor of his power.

His home at the time of Gov. Cushman's visit, was in the northwest corner of Leyden, in a poor old smoky house, situated away from the traveled road and remote from any residence of human beings. The furniture consisted of a table, loom, bed, crockery

shelves and two or three chairs. There at the age of 82 or 83 he lived alone, possessed of remarkably good health. Although he then had no followers, he still clung to his belief, saying that the Bible was "all wrong, all wrong!" He thought that some of the old Dorrellites still clung to the religion, even though they might not publicly acknowledge it. Even at that age he took a pride in telling his callers that he would persist in getting drunk occasionally.

With his beliefs and the teachings he sought to instill into the minds of his followers, it seems unparalleled that so many prominent men of the time should class themselves as among his adherents. As a rule the Dorrellites were respectable, churchgoing men, several of them town officials, and numbered some 20 or 30 families. Among them we find the names of Hezekiah Newcomb, Samuel and John Connable, Ezra Shattuck, Charles Packer, Messrs. Dewey and Eddy, Zenas, Reuben and Michael Frizzell, Capt. Parmenter, Joshua Wells, Abner Evans, Mr. Paige, Amos Burrows, Reuben Sheldon, James and Pitts Phillips, Charles Stearns, David Potter, Jedediah Fuller and John Dixon. Probably the greater part of these were residents of Leyden.

The first revelation which led to the founding of the faith came to Dorrell while he was "chopping." He did not seem to be able to recall it exactly, but in his conversation gave it as "Render yourself an agreeable sacrifice," or something similar. There were many subsequent ones pertaining, no doubt, to the practises to be put in execution. "His first success as a preacher was about 1794, and gaining a few followers the strange doctrines soon spread from neighborhood to neighborhood and quite a number of respectable people were attracted by them and cast in their lot with their humanitarian leader, for the doctrine as first declared was founded upon the principle that man should not eat of flesh, and should not cause the death of any living creature. The doctrine was carried to that extent that no member might wear shoes or use harnesses made of leather, or use the skins of animals for any domestic purpose." The majority of his followers wore wooden shoes made by one of their number, Ezra Shattuck. To this rule Mr. Amos Burrows was an exception, and from the fact that his blacksmith bel-

lows were first covered in the usual manner with leather, and a covering of painted cloth put on outside so that he nominally conformed to the custom merely, we may conclude that he was not as enthusiastic a member of the fold as some. The harnesses were made of rope, and much of the cloth used for domestic purposes was a coarse tow cloth.

"With his success in obtaining followers, his inspiration increased and he was led to preach that every generation of men had its Messiah; that *He* was the Messiah of *his* generation; that no arm of flesh could hurt him; that there was no resurrection from the dead; that when 'resurrection' was spoken of in the Bible its meaning was a resurrection from a state of sin to spiritual life; that Jesus Christ was a spirit; that he took a body; that he died, but that he never was raised from the dead; that all who are raised from a state of sin to this spiritual life become perfect; that they can then do no sin, and are no more responsible to the civil law, and are beyond all 'principalities and powers.' There was no future judgment, no knowledge after death of what passed in this world; that God had no power over man to control his actions, therefore there was no need of prayer. He had no hope for the future, but he had an abundance of assurance that all was well. *He* was perfect, his body being in perfect obedience to the spirit, and his followers were comparatively perfect, as the members of the body are perfect when compared with the head; that all covenants made by God with men were ended, and he was the head of a new covenant; that neither Moses nor Christ wrought miracles, and that *he* stood precisely the same as Jesus Christ, and that while no person might worship his human body yet he might be worshiped as Christ was worshipped, as God united to human flesh."

This is the substance of a "confession of faith," if it might be so called, obtained from the lips of Dorrell by the Rev. John Taylor of Deerfield in 1798, the interview being had for that purpose. As the freedom of sin arrived at by the followers of this new seer led them into the commission of acts condemned by the majority of people as grossly immoral, Dorrell was very cautious, the Rev. Mr. Taylor says, about committing himself on those subjects, but upon the subject of marriage he declared that when a husband or



wife became perfect, by being raised to the spiritual life, the other party was not holden by the old covenant or the civil law: and if both were raised, still the parties were not holden to each other and had perfect right to promiscuous intercourse.

The sect had no meetings for worship, as they considered all days alike, one day as holy as another, and according to report their later meetings were scenes of most outrageous and beastly conduct, interspersed with the singing of "bacchanalian songs and lascivious addresses." At one time seven Dorrellites were complained of for raising a building on Sunday. Securing Richard F. Newcomb of Greenfield as their attorney, all were cleared but one.

The sect had a common treasury, and the office was filled by a shrewd business man, and it is a common report that the Dorrellite treasury was the foundation of the fortune of one of the wealthiest and most influential families in this portion of the county, but whether there is more truth in the story than the fact that the founder of one of our most highly respected families was the treasurer of the sect, I know not.

The sect was at the height of its prosperity about 1798, but Dorrell having become addicted to habits of intemperance, his influence with the more respectable portion of his followers began to wane, while he more vigorously proclaimed his possession of superior powers and his immunity from all bodily weaknesses and harm, to the disgust of the better portion of the community, who believed that he was the representative of the evil spirit rather than the good.

The final meeting of the sect is described by Thompson, in his gazetteer of Vermont, in the following language: "At length, at one of their meetings, a goodly number having assembled, Dorrell opened with music, and began to deliver a discourse. Among the spectators was one, Capt. Ezekiel Foster, a man of good sense, of a giant frame, having a countenance which bespoke authority. When Dorrell, in the course of his remarks, uttered the words 'No arm of flesh can harm me,' Foster arose, indignant at the blasphemy and boasting of Dorrell, and stretching forth his brawny arm, knocked him down with his fist. Affrighted and almost senseless, Dorrell attempted to rise, when he received a second blow, at which



he cried for mercy. Foster promised to forbear on condition that he would renounce his doctrine, yet continued to beat him. A short parley ensued, when Dorrell yielded and renounced his doctrines in the hearing of all his astonished followers." They, ashamed of having been the victims of such duplicity, quickly departed, and it is a remarkable fact that none of them were afterwards known to form any connection with any religious society. Dorrell himself was made to promise that his own life should pay the penalty of any future impositions.

In the practices of his religion he claimed the assistance of his black fiddler, Jack, who was, he said, possessed of plenty of both ignorance and cunning. When asked why he had set up a religion of his own, his reply was "To see what fools I can make of people." He admitted himself to be an ignorant old countryman, and that he had led the people a wild goose chase long enough.

Dorrell spent the remainder of his life in Leyden, nearly 50 years, but for many years prior to his death he was maintained as a town charge. He died Aug. 28, 1846, aged 94 years, 5 months, 13 days. He had literally starved himself to death by refusing any food, saying that he had lived long enough, and that if he continued to eat he never should die. He has descendants living in and near the territory which witnessed the scenes brought about by Dorrellism, who are numbered as being among our intelligent, respected citizens.

## CHAPTER IX.

BERNARDSTON'S CENTENNIAL, AUG. 20, 1862.

The history of no nation or race would be complete without an account of its festive days. They are to be found in some form in every known country, the manner of their celebration differing, not only on account of the kind of an event to be commemorated, but also in direct proportion to the character, intelligence and civilization of the participants. A little thoughtful retrospect will incontrovertibly establish this truism. In the aboriginal tribes of a country, the highest motives ascribed for any celebration are usually found either in the rites attendant upon the offerings to their heathen deities, the intensity of their observance being proportionate to the imaginary blessings conferred, or which they wish to receive; or perhaps in feasting because of a victory recently acquired over some neighboring tribes. Usually a superstitious religious tendency pervades it all, and the observance is typical of a people whom scientists would place upon almost the lowest plane of civilization. Through all the so-called heathen races this manner of celebration, modified in one way or another, is apparent. As we advance in the civilized scale, notice the pace assumed and maintained by the mind, until in the intelligent civilized races of to-day, the character of the celebrations is such that it is as well the intellect to which food is administered. And in the progress which present generations are making in this direction may be found striking illustrations of the increasing power constantly being acquired by mind over matter.

In the lives of individuals, the rapidly passing years bring to each many days, the observance of which are attended with feelings pleasurable; and then again, with emotions too sacred to be shown even to the most intimate and sympathizing. And to many, days come and their celebrations in which these conflicting emotions are each striving for the supremacy, for it often happens that in the keenest pleasure there is a trace of pain impossible to be eliminated.

So it is in a town's and a nation's history. They each have their days of mourning and of gladness; but in such cases these elements are kept more distinct. As our country grows older, how many places do we know and read of which are celebrating their festive days, days which are peculiarly their own, in that they are anniversaries of their natal days, and by their records such towns show that they have reason to take a pride—and a just pride—in what they have accomplished, and with the prospect of doing still more in future years.

With such feelings do we imagine the inhabitants of our town to have been stirred as they realized that very soon would be here the one hundredth anniversary of her incorporation. And when we recall that at this time the whole nation was in the midst of a fiercely contested civil war, that her existence was seriously threatened, and that in spite of all these things which the feeble spirited might have termed discouragements at the beginning, these townsmen following in the late Gov. Cushman's lead, got up such a magnificent one hundredth birthday gathering, and one which in its results has exerted such lasting beneficial influences, is it any wonder that we experience such feelings of pride and exultation at the remembrance?

As early as 1861, the matter was agitated and it was voted that "this town will, in its municipal capacity, at such time during the next year as shall hereafter be determined upon, in a suitable and proper manner, celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of its incorporation as a town."

The town of Leyden entered enthusiastically into the matter, and appointed a committee to confer with the committee chosen by the parent town. On the 11th of January, 1862, these committees met in the town hall at Bernardston, chose Hon. Henry W. Cushman as chairman, and voted to have the celebration on Wednesday, the 20th day of August, 1862. Sub-committees were appointed and the committee separated, agreeing that this celebration should be one "worthy the descendants of the old 'Falls Fight Township' and which will be creditable to those towns a hundred years hence," and how nobly this committee fulfilled their mission, the event proved. The following invitation was issued:

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"CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE INCORPORATION OF BERNARDSTON, MASS.

To all the people of Bernardston and Leyden,—to all who have resided in, or are natives of either of those towns, and to all who are connected with them by ties of consanguinity or marriage:—

*Brethren and Friends:*

At a legal meeting of the Town of Bernardston, held on the 5th day of November, 1861, the following Preamble and Votes were unanimously adopted:—

WHEREAS, the territory now contained in the TOWNS OF BERNARDSTON, LEYDEN, and a part of COLERAINE, was granted by the Legislature of the Province of Massachusetts in 1734, to those and the descendants of those who were in the battle fought on the 18th of May, 1676, at Turners Falls on the Connecticut River,—between the Indians and the English settlers,—which grant for about 25 years, was called "The Falls Fight Township," or "Fall Town."

AND WHEREAS, said territory was incorporated as a Town by the name of Bernardston, in 1762, and therefore, the first Centennial Anniversary of said town occurs during the next year:

AND WHEREAS, the remembrance of the important eras in the life of individuals and of communities furnishes a good opportunity, in accordance with the higher principles of our nature and of an enlightened and Christian civilization, to review their past history and experience, and form resolutions for the future;

THEREFORE VOTED, That this Town will, in its municipal character, at such time during the next year as shall hereafter be determined on, in a suitable and proper manner, celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary of its Incorporation as a town:

VOTED, That a Committee of Twelve, consisting of the present selectmen, Town Clerk, School committee and Constable of the town, and five others at large be appointed to make all the arrangements and take such measures as may be necessary to carry out the object contemplated in this celebration:

VOTED, That the district and other schools be invited to attend the Celebration in a body, with their teachers and friends.

AND WHEREAS, The Town of Leyden was for many years a part of Bernardston

THEREFORE VOTED, That the inhabitants of Leyden be invited to join with us in this celebration.

The following committee was appointed agreeable to the foregoing vote, viz.—S. N. Brooks, Town Clerk; S. J. Lyons, I. K. Brown, P. L. Cushman, Selectmen; Rev. H. B. Butler, B. S. Burrows, School committee; E. C. Hale, Constable; Hon. H. W. Cushman, Prof. L. F. Ward, Hon. John Sander-son, R. F. Newcomb, Dea. David Streeter, at large.

At a legal meeting of the town of Leyden held the same day, the following vote was passed:—

VOTED, To unite with the town of Bernardston in celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of that town, and to choose a committee of five to confer with a like committee from said town, in furtherance of that object; and that DAVID MOWRY, HORACE POTTER, F. W. CARLTON, CHESTER SEVERANCE, and OLIVER CHAPIN, constitute said committee.

And at a meeting of the aforesaid committees of Bernardston and Leyden held in the town hall in Bernardston on Saturday, the 11th day of January, 1862, Hon. HENRY W. CUSHMAN having been chosen Chairman, and Silas N. Brooks Esq. Secretary, it was

VOTED, That whereas the 6th. day of March, on which the Act Incorporating the town of Bernardston was passed, and the 11th. day of May, on which said Act was accepted by the town, are inconvenient days for a general meeting of the people, the Celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the Incorporation of Bernardston be appointed on

WEDNESDAY, THE 20th DAY OF AUGUST, 1862.

And on that day all the descendants of "Fall Town" and all who are in any way connected with them, be invited to assemble at the town hall in Bernardston, at 10 o'clock A. M. and join in such Public Exercises as may be appropriate to such an occasion.

Come, then, Kinsmen and Friends:—Come one and all, to this gathering of the lineage of a common ancestry—this meeting of an historic era—this One Hundredth Jubilee of our natal or adopted town. Come once more to the home of your Fathers; to the hearth stone where you first saw the blessed light of Heaven. Quench your thirst again from 'the old oaken bucket,' which hangs in the well. Stand once more, if never again, at the graves of your ancestors and the monuments which commemorate their memory.

Another event of this kind none of us will ever attend. So far as we can learn, there is now no person living who was born in 'Fall Town,' one hundred years ago; and in all human probability the child is not yet born that



will be present at another Celebration of this kind a hundred years hence. It is then, a rare occasion,—a glorious era—an event of no common interest.

Let all who by consanguinity, by marriage or by residence are in any way connected with the towns of Bernardston and Leyden meet on that day in the Spirit of a Common Brotherhood and a Sympathizing Christianity; and with Music, with Prayer and Praises to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, with Speeches and Sentiments, and a Union at the festive board let the day be spent joyfully, and hopefully, in commemoration of the past, and in memory of the trials, the virtues, the piety and the intelligence of our Common Ancestry.

And although the present year may be clouded and rendered less auspicious by a rebellion of the slave holding States against *the best government ever devised by man*, and many of our brethren and friends may be engaged in the patriotic duty of sustaining the Flag of our Union, its Constitution and Laws; yet while we do not forget our country and its brave Defenders in our prayers and by our contributions, let us also obey the injunctions of sacred writ: 'Remember the days of old, and consider the years of many generations.'

And while standing thus at this central point in the great Cycle of Ages, and looking back through the vista of a hundred years, we may draw lessons of wisdom from the history of the past and form resolutions for a higher walk in the path of duty in the coming years.

All of a kindred birth and a kindred spirit are then cordially invited to join in this Centennial Celebration. *Our Hearts and our Homes shall be wide open* to receive and hospitably entertain all the sons and daughters of the 'Old Falls Fight Township.'"

Such was the cordially worded invitation issued by the committee of arrangements, and according to the published reports, was readily accepted by 2500 to 3000 persons. At about ten in the morning a procession was formed near the town hall under the guidance of S. J. Lyons and F. W. Carlton, assisted by T. B. Carpenter, P. L. Cushman, E. S. Hurlbert, Marcus Cook, B. S. Burrows, C. W. Severance, Capt. F. E. H. Allen, Jason Brown, H. O. Root, J. N. Dewey, I. K. Brown, J. Buddington, Jr., R. H. Hoyt, R. F. Newcomb, L. A. Slate, A. W. Carpenter, S. P. Chase, Asa Fisk, S. R. Hills, D. N. Carpenter and Charles Cushman. It consisted of chief marshals, band, committee of arrangements, President and Vice-Presidents, orator and poet, toastmaster and reporter, invited speak-

ers, clergy, choir, selectmen and ex-selectmen of Bernardston and Leyden, people over 80 years in carriages, people over 70 years, sons and daughters of Bernardston who reside abroad, visitors from neighboring towns, district schools of Leyden, district schools of Bernardston and adjoining schools, teachers and scholars of Powers Institute, Goodale Academy, citizens of Leyden, citizens of Bernardston.

Under the escort of a band from Hatfield the procession wended its way around the square near the depot, thence to the Institute grounds, where upon the north end of the lot a bower had been erected and seats provided for 1500 people. The seats were soon filled, and hundreds were obliged to stand throughout the exercises which followed. The choice of President of the day fell upon Hon. John Sanderson of Bernardston. For Vice-Presidents, upon Jonathan Buddington, Dr. T. S. Vining, Daniel L. Morgan, Zadoc King, E. W. Packer, A. O. Buddington, Briggs Potter of Leyden; Isaac Barton of Greenfield; Dorus Bascom of Gill; Ralph Cushman, Simon Edwards, Isaac Burrows, Col. Aretas Ferry, John Nelson, Dr. Noyes Barstow, Seorim Cushman, Z. C. Newcomb, Capt. Joseph Slate, Dr. William Dwight of Bernardston. The exercises of the day then took place in the following order:

- 1st. Music by the Hatfield Band.
- 2nd. Selections from the Scriptures, by Rev. T. J. Clark of Ashfield, (a former pastor in Bernardston.)
- 3rd. Prayer by the oldest Ex-Clergyman present.
- 4th. Original Hymn, by Rev. John B. Green.
- 5th. Historical Address, by Hon. Henry W. Cushman.
- 6th. Original Hymn, by Rev. George L. Ruberg.
- 7th. Poem by Dr. John Brooks, the Octogenarian Poet of Bernardston.
- 8th. Anthem, Creation.
- 9th. Concluding Prayer by Rev. Mr. Brigham.
- 10th. Benediction.

Upon the conclusion of these exercises a procession was formed and marched to what is now known as Cushman Park, where all were entertained at dinner by E. C. Fox, proprietor of the hotel. The noon hour passed, the people again adjourned to the Institute grounds, where the after-dinner exercises were opened by brief and appropriate address of welcome by the President, Hon. John Sanderson. Mr. S. N. Brooks performed the duties of toastmaster,

in a manner most appropriate and pleasing. The first toast announced was

Leyden.—“Sixty-eight years ago, as our Daughter she left the parental hearth-stone. To-day, as our Sister, with a warm greeting, she returns to it.”

Rev. Thomas Marcy of Framingham, a native of Leyden, replied to this sentiment, paying a noble tribute to his native town and her sons. He stated that Leyden had produced among her other noble children, 11 clergymen, four doctors and three lawyers.

Former residents of Bernardston.—“Scattered from Labrador to the Pacific Isles. Living, they honor their aged Mother, Dying, they bequeath her tokens of their life-long regard. We have gratitude for the dead—a welcome for the living.”

Responded to by Justice Willard, Esq., of Springfield, in one of the most spirited and telling speeches of the day. Among the other old residents of Bernardston, he gave a biography of old Nat, the negro fiddler, who was present with his fiddle at all the merry-makings of his boyhood days, and whose proficiency upon that instrument was superior to that of the Ole Bulls and other modern musicians.

Ex-Clergymen of Bernardston.—“In former years have they sown here the ‘good seed which is the dread of life.’ Though some may have fallen by the wayside, some been choked with them, still may the harvest produce an hundred fold.”

Rev. Erastus Andrews of Montague responded to this sentiment. He spoke of the early history of the Baptist society in Bernardston. He stated that Capt. Turner, the hero of the Falls Fight, was a Baptist, and that his services were at first refused by the Governor of Massachusetts on account of his religious belief. He also gave as an incident of the respect other denominations in Bernardston had felt for the Baptists of that time, that upon the occasion of the funeral of one of its early pastors, as the procession was passing the house of a good Orthodox deacon, he left his work in the field, stopped the procession and treated it to pailsfull of the best toddy of the day. This the speaker thought was at least true “Cogniac hospitality.”

Rev. Charles Kendall also spoke in response to the sentiment,

referring to the ex-clergymen and the good feeling that generally existed in the town towards their religious teachers. He spoke of some of the ex-pastors as being "fast drivers," but could not drive fast enough, however, to get out of the town as soon as their parishioners wanted to have them.

Rev. A. M. Bridge and Rev. Rufus Gerrish also replied to the toast. Mr. Gerrish gave as a sentiment:

The Growing Beauties of Bernardston.—"May their lustre never be dimmed."

Residents abroad who have married daughters of Bernardston—

"Our loss has been their gain;  
And never will we forget—  
'Ev'n while we sigh for those blessings gone '—  
We've 'more of the same sort' yet."

The American Antiquarian Society of Worcester.—"Located at the 'Heart of the Commonwealth,' and aided by the wealth and guided by the talent of an enterprising city, it is doing a great and good work in 'Considering the days of old—The years of ancient times.'"

Responded to by Hon. Isaac Davis of Worcester.

Massachusetts Historical Society of Boston.—"Venerable for its age, for the ability of its members, and for the great amount of its historical collections. We honor it as the Pioneer in the domain of historic research."

Responded to by Hon. George T. Davis of Greenfield, who spoke of the sympathy the society felt with celebrations of this kind, of our former and present struggles for a national existence, and of the prominent part Bernardston had taken in the first and was now taking in the last. He gave as a sentiment:

Descendants of the First Settlers.—"All the more dutiful to the demands of the present, that they are not forgetful of the past."

Education—Our Common Schools and Powers Institute.—"Our children will well obtain the first, while over the second and last we keep strict *watch* and *Ward*."

This sentiment was responded to by Prof. L. F. Ward, who gave as a sentiment:

The Town of Bernardston, its Characteristics—Prosperous Educational Institute; Flourishing Christian Churches and Enterprising People.—"May the next Centennial anniversary find these characteristics none the less worthy, but increased and enlarged proportionately by time."

Goodale Academy.—“The memory of its usefulness as an educational institution is yet green in the hearts of its graduates.”

Responded to in a pleasant three minutes speech by Pliny Fisk, Esq., of Shelburne, a former principal of the academy.

Soldiers of Bernardston and Leyden Who Have Fallen in Defence of Their Country's Honor and Their Country's Flag—Martyrs in the Noblest Cause! —“While we weep with their friends who mourn their early loss, we rejoice in the thought that this sealing of their courage and their patriotism with their *heart's blood* is not in vain. By such sacrifices was our Liberty bought —by such shall it be preserved.”

Responded to by the band.

Major Stephen Webster, Major Samuel Root, Capt. Joseph Slate, Capt. Stephen Buddington, Capt. Caleb Chapin, Sergt. Joseph Allen, Samuel Green and their numerous comrades who sustained the name and honor of Bernardston in the dark hour of our Revolutionary struggle.—“In the present dark hour may their descendants emulate their bright example with the same glorious results.”

Responded to by the band.

The Ladies—Invariably toasted at every American gathering.—“The wonder is that they are not yet *done brown*, but are *fairer* than ever.”

Responded to by Judge Tyler of Oswego, N. Y., in a pleasant and patriotic speech.

Three cheers were then given for the Bernardston and Leyden boys who have gone abroad and so ably represented their native towns.

Lieut. George Warner of Bernardston.—“One of whose limbs is now on Southern soil, on the battle-ground at Newbern, and who is present to-day —a fit representative of the old Puritan pluck.”

Three cheers were then given for Lieut. Warner. The toast-master then proposed three cheers for the star spangled banner; three more for the music the Yankees fight under, and three more for the band, which were heartily given.

The following volunteer sentiments were then given :—

“Long live the Republic. Death to secession and no resurrection. May the time of our redemption speedily arrive. We need some more effective weapon than administering the oath of allegiance. We call it not inhu-



man to put every rebel and rebel sympathizer out of the United States. Put true men in office and not graven images. In the words of Benton, 'we have been bamboozled long enough!'"

Maintain Constitutional Liberty, Framed by Our Fathers.—"The storm which shakes the oak, only loosens the earth around its roots, and its violence enables the tree to strike its roots deeper into the soil. So shall it be with the crisis of the Union."

The Town of Bernardston.—"Fortunate in having in its very few rich men those who are disposed to promote the cause of education."

The Past Century and That which is Coming.—"The one has seen our country materially prosperous, with slavery, and may the other see it both materially and morally prosperous without slavery."

His Excellency, Abraham Lincoln.—"A second Washington, sent of God, as we trust, to conduct the nation through a war which is to result in establishing the truth of the declaration, that 'all men are equal,' in regard to 'certain inalienable rights.'"

Bernardston's Share of Soldiers in the Present War.—

"All trials, thus far, prove of courage no lack,  
For none who are wounded are hit in the back."

Hon. E. Kirkland of Brattleboro, Vt., who married his wife in Bernardston, but who was prevented from attending the celebration by illness, sent the following sentiment;—

The Town of Bernardston, whose Natal Day We Now Celebrate.—"May its next anniversary find it, not as now, a member of a nation torn with war, but of a free, united and happy people, with every evil and bitter thing removed from its borders."

Hon. William A. Prentiss, late mayor of the city of Milwaukee, Wis., a former resident of Bernardston, sent the following:—

Bernardston.—"Settled more than a century since by an intelligent and industrious class of people, noted for their independence of opinion on all political and religious matters—may its present and future inhabitants continue to maintain a like independence on all questions, thereby manifesting to the world, that freedom of thought and speech is not dangerous to civil or religious institutions when reason is left free to combat it."

H. D. Newcomb, Esq., a distinguished merchant of Louisville, Ky., a native of Bernardston, sent the following:

"During the past ten years I have been interested in the manufacture of

cotton, on the banks of the Ohio, which has suggested to my mind the following sentiment which I beg leave to offer:—The Cotton Manufacturing Interests of New England—The splendid result of sixty years persistent labor and skill directed to that object—now periled by the loss of its trained operatives, increased burdens on its capital, and the prospective diminution in the cultivation of raw material."

It now being half past four, the rest of the day was given to the students of Powers Institute. Aaron W. Field of Bernardston, a student of Williams College, delivered an address, and M. D. Collier of Sullivan, N. H., a student of Middlebury College, delivered a poem, and thus closed the exercises of a day which was destined to become by reason of the pleasant associations revived, and the valuable and interesting commemorative exercises, not to speak of the attendant gift of one of her most noble and best beloved sons, a red-letter day in the town's history.

#### ORIGINAL HYMN.

(By Rev. John B. Green, Pastor of the Unitarian Society)

We meet, the sons of honored sires,  
Around one altar here,  
To sing and venerate their deeds  
And shed a passing tear.

We sing those deeds of daring bold,  
Where, joyous, leaps yon wave,  
They fought—some crowned with glory, fell  
And filled a warrior's grave.

And surely we can ne'er forget  
The debt we truly owe —  
While clothed in green, these hills are seen,  
Or wrapt in spotless snow.

A place and home their deeds have won  
To us, their children, here;  
And while we emulate their lives,  
What foe have we to fear?

Their first desire, to worship God  
And act His holy will;  
For, ere themselves a shelter found,  
A church was on the hill.

And now we meet with grateful hearts  
 For what they did forego,  
 Who planted here the seeds of truth  
 A hundred years ago.

And when the sun forgets to rise,  
 And stars their place resign,  
 Will we forget the debt we owe  
 The sires of "Auld Lang Syne."

Now may the God our Fathers loved  
 Grant us the gift divine,  
 To guide us in the better way  
 As He did THEM, lang syne.

Then welcome, welcome, one and all,  
 To this our festal day;  
 We open wide our hearts and homes,  
 Let care be far away.

Lt. Gov. Cushman's address was a most excellent one, of an historical nature, covering the more important happenings of the past. To repeat it in full would be but to repeat much which has already been given in the earlier pages of this work; hence it has been deemed best that the incidents and early records stand in their respective places. Indeed they are so closely interwoven with the daily lives and deeds of our forefathers, as to render a separation out of the question only by breaking the thread of the narrative. And because of this, is given extracts, rather than the address in the form delivered.

*"Fellow Citizens and Friends:—*We are assembled to-day in accordance with some of the purest and noblest impulses and principles of humanity. The love of 'home sweet home,' and of kindred and friends, is, not merely an innate desire of our natures; it is more than that; it is an indication of a cultivated and refined sentiment,—it is obedience to 'the higher law' of the Christian life.

And connected with this principle is the feeling of regard and veneration for the place of our birth;—for the home of our childhood or our maturer years; for the spot where our eyes first saw the blessed light of heaven and the glorious works of God; for the scenes that were familiar to us 'in days of Auld lang syne'—for the old oaken bucket which hangs in the well, from which we have often quenched our thirst in years long since

passed and for the graves of our ancestors, who years ago, finished their work on earth and have gone to their eternal reward.

'Lives there a man with soul so dead,  
Who never to himself hath said,  
This is my own, my native land?'

Such views are common to all in a greater or less degree; but they are, in a particular manner, the feelings and guiding sentiments of the educated and thoughtful, of those who have seen many years come and go and whose heads are whitened with the frost of three-score years.

Animated by such sentiments, we have met to-day, a band of brothers and friends,—not to plan schemes for our material wealth; not to select candidates for political promotion; not even to celebrate the independence or victories of our country; but we meet to review the past; 'to consider the years of many generations'; to attend to the neglected and remember the forgotten; to renew the recollections of our early days and bring to mind the toils, the sufferings and the virtues of our fathers. We have come together on this one hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of this little municipality, not to celebrate the great things of earth; but with deep feelings of veneration for the past, to take old friends by the hand once more, perhaps never again; to look back on our journey of life, and thus, by the contemplation of the good or the evil we have done to be guided in the future of our mortal course. Says another, 'it is a privilege to learn what shall be from what has been, to turn experience into prophecy;—to view in the mirror of the Past, the vision of the Future.'

And you will permit me, Ladies and Gentlemen, on this pleasant occasion—tinged as I know it must be with sadness when we remember many dear friends who have passed the dark waters before us;—permit me to extend to you all a most cordial and hearty welcome. As a true son of the old 'Falls Fight Township,' I offer you all the salutations of this anniversary. It gladdens the heart to meet so many cheerful countenances on the one hundredth jubilee of the independent municipal existence of our town.

And in a particular manner would I extend the hand of friendship and fraternal regard, to those who have come from distant States, to join with us in the services of this joyous day. Welcome all, from the prairies and the cities of the great west; from the Green mountains of Vermont, and from States and homes more or less distant from us—welcome to this gathering of the descendants of a common ancestry, welcome all who by birth or residence, by ties of consanguinity or marriage, all who have come here

to-day because you cared for Bernardston and Leyden for what they contain or have contained. In behalf of my fellow-citizens, I bid you all a hearty welcome. And I would, also, with a like cordiality welcome those, who by a love of historic studies and who feel a deep interest in genealogical researches are attracted to commemorations of this kind. Sympathizing with us in the sentiments of antiquity, we are most happy to meet you all on this historic era—this one-hundredth standpoint in the cycle of ages!

And I must not forget to receive with an open hand and heart this large concourse of children and youth who have assembled to join in the services of this anniversary occasion. I see before me, a numerous band of teachers and pupils of Powers Institute, of every school district in Bernardston and Leyden and several schools from the adjoining towns. Most happy am I to greet you with joyful salutations on an anniversary which none of you, in any probability, can ever attend again. Your smiling faces, your gay dresses, your beautiful bouquets and waving banners, all show me how much you enjoy and how long you will remember the services of this day. Welcome, my young friends to the instructive events of the passing hour.

One hundred years ago! Who can understand the mighty past? Who can fathom the years of a century! What immense changes in the condition of the human race; what vast results have come from the progress of civilization by the Anglo-Saxon race in America, during that period! Think for a moment of the condition of things in Europe, in America, on this spot, even, in 1762 and in 1862. Then—and now. One hundred years ago the people who had settled along these pleasant valleys and on these hillsides, were few and far between. Now, a pleasant village is near us where the arts and amenities of civilized life are cultivated and where the school houses and the church are among the most prominent institutions of the place. And more than all the railroad and telegraph, the most striking indications of the mechanical inventions of this epoch with their immense power to promote the comfort and facilitate the business of man, are both of them in our midst.

One hundred years ago and not one of us had seen the cheering light of day; not one of this large assemblage were then among the living. And so far as we know there is now no person alive who was born in Fall Town a hundred years ago. And but one person is living who was born within 13 years after the incorporation of Bernardston. And that one—Mr. Daniel Hale—the oldest living person who was born in the Falls Fight Township is not here to-day. Another venerable form sits by my side—Mr.



Edward Nelson, now in his 98th year, who made Leyden his adopted town, more than 60 years ago. We rejoice that by the blessing of God he is with us to-day, a living memorial of the year 1765, the year of his birth; the senior by more than ten years of any person in Bernardston or Leyden. His trembling form shows the decaying influence of almost a hundred winters; and the solemn fact, that though many years may be granted us, yet the time of departure to another and better life, must come to all!

With these introductory remarks I now propose to take a topic which has engaged my attention more or less for many years and which seems peculiarly pertinent to the object for which the day is set apart—A commemoration of the beginning and the history of this town, including Leyden.

And here perhaps, a word of apology may be proper. It was with much reluctance that I took the place of the distinguished gentleman who was expected to address you at this time. Residing in a distant, foreign State, of eminent abilities and official position, connected by consanguinity with many of this audience, we were of course much disappointed that Hon. Elisha H. Allen could not have been here as the principal speaker to-day. The short time I have had to prepare what I have to say, must be an apology for any shortcomings of this address.

The history of this town, unlike that of many other towns, who were offshoots from a mother town, runs back to and is connected with the early events and wars in New England. If our origin is not as romantic and apocryphal as that of Romulus and Remus, the founders of ancient Rome, we are nevertheless, indebted to some of the important and startling events of the early Indian wars for the first idea of the settlement of this town. In order therefore that we may understand the origin of the grant of this territory by the Legislature of the province of Massachusetts bay in New England, in 1734, it is necessary to cast our minds back to prior events.

In the first settlement of New England at Plymouth in 1620 our Pilgrim fathers were influenced in no small degree, in connection with other great principles, with a strong desire to carry the gospel to the heathen. Animated by that high and God-like motive, they brought with them and carried into practice, in their intercourse with the aborigines of this country, the noble principles of justice and integrity; granting to them their original right to the soil, and taking nothing from them except by a fair bargain and equivalent. Hence it was that, for more than 50 years after the first Puritan had stepped on Plymouth Rock, to a great extent, peace and harmony existed between them and the Indians.

But half a century had passed away and Bradford, Winslow, Brewster and Standish and their contemporaries had gone to their eternal rest. Massasoit, Samoset, Squanto and the other Indian chiefs had also died, and in the places of these just and peaceable men, another generation had come forward, whose civilization and Christian life did not equal that of their fathers. The red men became enraged at the frequent acts of injustice by the English settlers; and influenced by jealousy and revenge, the natural attributes of the race, commenced a series of pillage and murder on the unprotected white men. 'King Phillip's War,' as it is usually called, was the consequence, in which, under that famous and noble chieftain—for, as an uncivilized Indian he certainly had heroic and noble qualities—a war of extermination was commenced about the year 1675, in which nearly all the New England Indians were united and the Mohawks of New York, also joined them. Few and feeble as were the military defences of our people, the Indians supposed, with considerable reason, that they could cut off and entirely destroy their enemy, who they had sagacity enough to perceive, were gradually occupying their most valuable corn lands and their fishing and hunting grounds. \* \* \* \*

It will be observed that there are three prominent ideas running through that act (referring to the grant, and its provisions,) each of them indications of the public sentiment and the average civilization of the best men of that period. First the grant was based upon the principle of justice. It was a consideration for the valuable service of the grantees of their predecessors. It was of compensation so far as it could be, for the labors, sufferings and losses of the soldiers, who, at a very critical period of 'King Phillip's War,' volunteered their services and periled their lives for the safety, yea, for the very existence of the colony. Though late, yet justice was done to those heroic and self-sacrificing men. I trust in God that equal justice may in due time, be done to the patriotic and brave men who are now risking their lives in defence of the government of our beloved country. Then, it was an Indian enemy, who, perhaps, had some reason for their conduct,—that sought to destroy and thus blot out the entire colony. Now a base and wicked set of rebels are seeking to destroy the best government ever devised by man and to base it on a slave holding oligarchy. As in the course of Providence, the Indians disappeared from the country, and civilization, with all its manifold benefits, have spread over the land, so, at an early day, if a God of justice reigns on high, I trust that the power and influence of the secession rebels will be swept off, to return no more forever.

Second, the provisions for education and religion, the school and the church, in the act granting this town is another evidence of the far-sighted wisdom and sagacity of the leading minds of that age. One thirty-fifth part, amounting to 600 acres, was thus set apart by the original act and subsequently confirmed by the proprietors for the support of the Christian ministry; and it is a fact which should be mentioned in this connection that a part of the proceeds of the sale of this land set apart for ministerial purposes at that time, is yet held by one of the religious societies of this town, the successor of the first religious organization in Fall Town; and the proceeds of the sale of the schooling lands is yet held by the town, and the income is used annually for the support of the district schools. More than a hundred years have elapsed since those lands were sequestered for the education of the people, and the money for which they were sold yet remains. In view of such good judgment and prudence in our fathers, we may very properly be proud of their memories.

It will also be noticed that the original grant required the erection of a 'convenient Meeting House and the settlement of a learned, orthodox minister within four years.' As we shall see hereafter, that condition was more than complied with; for a meetinghouse was erected the year after the first settlement commenced, and was the first framed building in town; and a minister was settled soon after. Another provision of the original grant required the land to go, when the father was deceased, to the oldest son; and in case there was no sons, then to the oldest male descendant, thus excluding by the law of primogeniture all daughters from any right to their father's land, a law which we, at this time, should consider very unjust.

Our local history then runs back to, and is connected with an important battle in an early Indian war, without which, this town, in all probability, would have been settled by an entirely different class of men. How mysterious are the ways of Providence! These broad and beautiful fields, this pleasant village and this large collection of kindred and friends might never have been without the terrible death-struggle at Turners Falls on the 18th of May, 1676.

Struggling on, year by year, through trials and difficulties which we can poorly appreciate we now see a fair and goodly land, covered with comfortable dwellings and inhabited by an intelligent and moral people. For all these blessings—for the example of wise and pious ancestors—for these broad acres and this goodly land, 'Let us praise the Lord; for his goodness and mercy endureth forever.'

And now, in view of the past, what are the duties and responsibilities of this day and of coming time?

Men and Women of Bernardston and Leyden; all that is worth living for in life—or hoping for in death depends mostly on you. This large concourse of children are soon to take our places and to be the fathers and mothers of coming generations. With them is the hope of the future. As the child is, so is the man. Four great principles cover the whole ground of their future lives. 1st. Education; 2nd. Religion; 3rd. Pecuniary prosperity and 4th. A free and good government. A people that have these, have all that is necessary for prosperity—for success—for happiness in life.

I entreat you then, Brethren and Friends, looking forward into the great future which no man can fathom; I entreat you to consider well the interests of the rising generation. By the blessing of God you can make this town 'The home of the good and the land of the free.' Standing on this high point in the cycle of ages and with a prophetic eye looking forward a hundred years I charge you to cultivate, and try every means in your power, to diffuse the inestimable blessings of Education and Religion,—of successful industry and a Free Government. Then you may be assured your children and your children's children—through a long line of generations 'will rise up and call you blessed.'

But before I close I must for myself and in behalf of this large assemblage of friends, pay my respects to the 20th day of Aug. 1962;—Far down in the long vista of years I see a large gathering of men, women, and children—not one of whom is here to-day—assembled to celebrate the second Centennial Anniversary of the Incorporation of Bernardston. A large crowd is here. The sun, like to-day, shines brightly on their cheerful faces. They talk freely of us—who long since have been known only by the marble monument or the sculptured granite. They think and speak of us and of what we do and say to-day. To them I have a few words to say.

Men and Women who may meet here on the 20th of August, 1962, we send you greetings of a Universal Brotherhood and of a Sympathizing Christianity. That you will do more and better than we have done or can do, we fully believe. A hundred years of labor and of experience must add much to your advancement and must place you much higher in the scale of Christian civilization than we are. Look kindly then, we beseech you, on the shortcomings of this generation and of the services of this day. If we send down to you the blessings of a republican government, you must improve and perfect it. If we leave you schools and churches you must make them better. We know well and we regret it greatly, that 'the Chris-

tianity of Christ,' is yet but poorly understood, and less perfectly practised by us. But we believe in the progress and ultimately in the high position of the human race. If we have done little, you must do more, and thus the great design of our Heavenly Father, in the creation of us, his children, will be accomplished.

Kinsmen and Friends, the path of a higher destiny is yours. Peace and the blessing of God be with you.

And finally, may this large assemblage—and another that will meet a hundred years from this day, for a similar purpose—and all who in coming ages may attend Centennial Celebrations of the Incorporation of this their native or adopted town—all—all finally meet in 'the great hereafter of the blessed,' and sing praises 'unto Him that sitteth on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever.' "

#### ORIGINAL HYMN.

(By Rev. George L. Ruberg, Pastor of the Baptist Society.)

Kindred and friends, 'tis here we meet,  
With kindly welcomes each to greet;  
With cheerful hearts we join in praise  
For this review of other days.

'Tis of the past we join to sing,  
A fresh memorial here to bring—  
United in one gladsome throng,  
Singing a Centennial Song.

A hundred years! all, all have fled,  
Our Fathers gone, they all are dead,  
They, every one, have passed away,  
Who first beheld our natal day.

The savage now no longer roams  
These groves and fields, our hill-side homes,  
With treacherous eye and wary breath,  
The loved and loving threatening death.

The lovely scenery around—  
The winding streamlet's gentle sound—  
All speak the blessings and the praise  
Secured and won in former days.



What glorious thoughts our hearts inspire !  
 What patriot words our bosoms fire!  
 As we now stand and here incline  
 Our thoughts to scenes of olden time.

We stand to-day the past review,  
 The present brings us conflicts new,  
 The memory of the honored brave  
 Should stimulate our flag to save.

#### EXTRACTS FROM DR. JOHN BROOKS' POEM.

In my own self-defence,  
 Christian ladies and gents,  
 Who have gathered before me a host,  
 I begin by proclaiming  
 I'm no poet worth naming,  
 But merely a rhymers at most.

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Don't take it amiss  
 If I pass over this  
 To sketch here and there other things,  
 As I chance to find means  
 From the ends and between  
 Of history, gathered in strings.

I must talk, I suppose,  
 As one who well knows,  
 For a century now that is past,  
 Of the town and the race  
 Occupying this place,  
 And which lately is changing so fast.

Till within a few years,  
 For aught it appears,  
 The most to excite admiration  
 Was our excellent roads,  
 And the pleasant abodes  
 'Tween the east and the west elevation.

On what's called Huckle Hill,  
 ( As is true even still )  
 Some go-a-head farmers resided,  
 And up there stood the church,  
 As if left in the lurch,  
 With all of religion one-sided.

There they gathered each week,  
Dressed up tidy and sleek,  
To listen to sermons and prayers,  
But in winter half frozen,  
As if all were supposin'  
'Twas wicked in church to have fires.

To complete self-denial,  
Neither organ nor viol,  
Noraught that would make a sweet sound,  
Was allowed for a minute,  
Lest the De'il might be in it,  
And pleasure thus carnal abound.

When for singing all ripe,  
Leader blew the pitch-pipe,  
And he and the choir took the sound,  
And the singing that followed,  
Not artfully mellowed,  
Would a sensitive ear quite astound.

Then the parson did preach,  
(Meaning hard hearts to reach)  
For never much less than an hour,  
Till some hearers were mad,  
And others were glad,  
Declaring the sermon a power.

When the sermon was done,  
Up they rose every one,  
All turning their seats back with a noise,  
There to stand, as in fear,  
A long prayer still to hear,  
Postponing, at least, half their joys.

Like of this was the fashion,  
Through much of the nation  
In times we call early and rude,  
And it's fair to presume,  
When such customs found room,  
They were hailed as becoming and good.

But as time passed away,  
And the people grew gay,  
Or more and more generally pious,  
They moved the church down  
Tow'rds what now is the town,  
Though it didn't then come very nigh us.

By and by, with some pain,  
 They moved it again,  
 And once more again even later,  
 And they then built up more,  
 E'en the fifth of a score  
 To prove the town quite a sin hater.

There they stand all in sight,  
 Each a lantern of light,  
 To guide the poor traveler benighted,  
 So that all with fair gait  
 Cannot fail to go straight,  
 Or if not may be speedily righted.

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These five sects as they grew,  
 Sought for something to do,  
 To make all around them to flourish.  
 So they built up the schools,  
 Unlike bigoted fools,  
 Such as virulent party doth nourish.

No schools far around  
 Can be easily found  
 That show in a better condition,  
 And from them have up-grown,  
 And them almost alone,  
 Our men who sustain high position.

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And since here in our town,  
 Besides schools of renown  
 We have a far-famed Institute,  
 'Twere a pity our sons  
 Shouldn't prove useful ones,  
 As of fair education the fruit.

Our daughters we trust,  
 If not marked as the first  
 For external polish and show,  
 Would be chosen for wives,  
 To make happy the lives  
 Of husbands, as faithful and true.

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When our town was begun,  
 Scarce a work could be done  
 Unguarded by musket and sword,  
 For the Indian was near  
 To inspire all with fear  
 Lest his murderous yell should be heard.

The children and spouses  
 Were kept in block houses,  
 Of which two stood up east on the hill,  
 And so great was the care  
 To protect them up there,  
 That the Indians no one's blood did spill.

Up north stood a fort,  
 To which all could resort  
 In case of a savage surprise;  
 And they lived year by year,  
 Thus familiar with fear  
 As where safety in watchfulness lies.

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When our town 'gan to flourish,  
 And the virtues to nourish,  
 Some half of a century ago,  
 The old serpent came in,  
 With temptations to sin  
 So as Eden, our town to undo.

All at once, with a will,  
 Alcohol to distil,  
 From the cider, the corn and the rye,  
 The old serpent began,  
 Through his instrument, man,  
 To carry his schemes bold and high.

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Sad times then were known,  
 And such seeds then were sown  
 As by this time had wrought complete ruin,  
 But a grand reformation  
 Took place in the nation  
 And kept us our town from undoin'.

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In politics most  
 Of our people can boast  
 They are democrats quite to the core.

But they're called by such names  
As, in false cheating games,  
Might really cheat twice in four.

We all are the friends  
Of each measure that tends  
The mass of the people to bless  
So, called what you will  
We are democrats still,  
And not a whit more or whit less.

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#### LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

Full forty years ago I came,  
With sober, unambitious aim  
To Bernardston to dwell;  
The houses then were brown and sparse,  
The signs of elegance were scarce,  
And signs of wealth as well.

From place of business called the Green,  
Three houses only could be seen,  
Or four, I think, at most,  
Whose tops ascended tow'rds the sky  
To what is called two stories high,  
At very moderate cost.

No church near by could then be seen  
And all was silent on said Green  
And through the district round;  
For days, except that stages run,  
You saw no stir, except for fun,  
And scarcely heard a sound.

The village seemed no business place,  
The people seemed a quiet race,  
With comforts at command;  
The mountains tow'ring in their pride,  
And all the verdant vales beside,  
Displayed a prospect grand.

Those mountains and those vales remain,  
And now are clothed with grass and grain,  
As we admiring see;  
The houses also where they stood,  
By care and painting have kept good,  
And grown as twelve from three.



Some mansions, even now appear,  
And some are added, year by year,  
Our village to adorn:  
No blacksmith's shop or tanner's yard,  
Which once our lovely church street marred,  
Now stands there "all forlorn."

Instead of one store, high up stairs,  
With but a few mercantile wares,  
As once by Newcomb kept,  
We now in town have three or four,  
From each of which as much or more  
Is often cleanly swept.

Near Newcomb's, now, where once so still,  
There runs a famous working mill,  
Thousands of boards to saw;  
And up the stream there stands one more,  
Built on dry land by Stephen Gore,  
That works without a flaw.

Three other saw mills long have stood,  
Besides one lost in whelming flood,  
A long, long time ago;  
Two grist mills grind our rye and corn  
As fast as those that eat are born,  
And streams with water flow.

Three blacksmiths keep our horses shod,  
And each would think it truly odd  
Had he no work to do;  
Three doctors, also, go the rounds,  
When any sickness much abounds,—  
And undertakers, too.

Five ministers attempt to live  
On what the people choose to give  
To have them preach and pray;  
Five carpenters, perhaps, are here,  
Who lay up money, year by year,  
Unless too much they play.

Some lawyers, I believe, have tried  
In our good village to abide,  
But never tried it long;  
They found at law we scarce would sue,  
E'en if we lost what might be due,  
Or took it in a song.

Two hundred farmers, more or less,  
Preserve from hunger and distress  
Themselves and all around,  
By grain and grass, and things that grow,  
From what they plant and what they hoe,  
And gather from the ground.

We have shoemakers here, 'tis said,  
Who rank as masters of the trade,  
And in good times must thrive;  
We've one machine for carding wool,  
While some cut garments out by rule,  
And all to live, contrive.

But finally, to crown the whole,  
Nought comes so near perfection's goal,  
Except what perfect grows,  
Considered in all points of view,  
For qualities both good and new,  
As do the modern hoes.

A modern hoe put side by side,  
With such a hoe as was supplied  
An hundred years ago,  
Would be so much a sight to see  
That Barnum would demand a fee  
And keep them for a show.

A modern hoe would hardly weigh  
A third of one of former day,  
Nor much more like it look  
Than finest needle to be found  
Looks like a bar that weighs a pound,  
Or wafer like a book.

I've seen the hoes that then were made,  
And partially once learnt the trade  
With such to hoe the corn;  
Their weight alone did little lack  
Of breaking shoulders, arms and back,  
And made one look forlorn.

Their shovels tallied with their hoes,  
And took the strength, we may suppose,  
A common cart to fill,  
That 'twould to haul, through mud and mire,  
A load at which a horse would tire,  
Or turn a cider-mill.

A dumped thing, all made of wood,  
Except a point of iron good,  
That shovel, firm and strong;  
The man who used it proved, no doubt,  
Because he used it he was stout,  
If not to be so long.

Their axes, too, with dangling blades,  
Fashioned as if begun for spades,  
Were mean wherewith to chop;  
The handle seemed, as if in spite,  
Where'er it crooked to not crook right,  
As rise when it should drop.

Their plows were also wooden tools,  
Plated with iron by no rules,  
And hard to draw or hold;  
A man and yoke of oxen, now,  
Would do as much a field to plow,  
As three of each of old.

And thus it was with nearly all  
Of what a farmer's tools we call,  
An hundred years ago;  
We old folks know, for they remained  
Till some of us had manhood gained,  
When they were here to show.

The women then had cards and reels,  
Their great and little spinning wheels,  
And looms the cloth to weave;  
They then were busy all the day,  
Sometimes out door a raking hay,  
Their husbands to relieve.

With health most women then were blest,  
But not so flattered and caressed  
As in these modern times;  
Much exercise in open air,  
Some hardship, with rustic fare,  
With highest health most chimes.

'Twere matter once, of boast and pride  
How well a farmer's wife could ride,  
With husband, on one horse;  
The man got seated well before,  
While just behind the pillion bore  
The wife, two-thirds across.

Thus oft to church they passed along,  
 Among the Sabbath-keeping throng,  
 To join in prayer and praise;  
 And if this service something cost,  
 To them 'twas far from being lost,  
 Or heirs they chanced to raise.

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On such occasions women all  
 Wore shoes whose heels stood up so tall  
 Their weight fell on their toes;  
 The shoe was pointed, like a skate,  
 The heel ran down the toe to mate,  
 And both were dangerous foes.

Cocked hats and wigs, about those days,  
 Fashioned and dressed in various ways,  
 By men of grace were worn.  
 And breeches buckled at the knees,  
 Looking by far too tight to please,  
 All comfort seemed to scorn.

When men of hair did show no lack,  
 They had it cued up in the back,  
 Some like a rat-tail file;  
 And cued with eelskin, it was said  
 Its slender length has sometimes made  
 A portion of a mile.

These hints of men's and women's dress,  
 Show what prevailed in every place,  
 Say seventy years ago;  
 And then these fashions were not new,  
 (If memory is correct and true,)   
 But through the century flow.

Whether in minor things of taste  
 Our modern fashions are more chaste  
 Than those of olden time,  
 May be a question of such doubt,  
 That prudence prompts to leave it out,  
 And thus commit no crime.

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As God's good angel from on high  
 Who brought, at first, the gospel nigh,  
 As tidings good to all,  
 So in the future shall it prove,  
 Inciting men to deeds of love,  
 Not daily, few nor small.

A century hence, if we shall know  
The gains in wisdom here below,  
Through a pure gospel's aid,  
The town of Bernardston, I trust,  
Will take full rank among the first,  
Perfect in wisdom made.

Mr. Aaron W. Field, then a student in Williams College, and representing the Institute, addressed the audience upon "The three fundamental means of acquiring an education." In an instructive and entertaining paper he demonstrated that the first of these methods was *self-help*. Contrasting the body and mind in their respective seasons of activity and rest, their voluntary and involuntary powers, and deducing therefrom the fact that in order to increase in knowledge and perfection, we must exert ourselves, intellectually and physically to the uttermost. Application is the one thing which determines success. "If therefore we would live, we must think; we must send out our thoughts on foraging expeditions to gather in provisions for our moral and intellectual growth." The second means cited was *assistance from others*. "The human race, is as it were, a web, every person of which is a thread. Our characters, wealth, learning and social condition are the stripes and checks of the fabric. Every step we take jars the whole earth. Every thought we utter influences all succeeding generations. If these things are so, what great opportunities there are for obtaining knowledge from each other! One way of learning from others is by means of schools. They are an institution adapted to the wants of the race. No country can arrive to any degree of civilization without them. They are the foundation of all democratic and republican constitutions, the roots of the tree of liberty. The prohibition of them is the direct road to tyranny. Their establishment and maintenance the direct road to liberty. Therefore, it becomes legislators and statesmen, and the public generally, to see that every child has its share of schooling, for by neglect, minds may be allowed to slumber in forgetfulness, that otherwise would arise and shine and be a blessing to themselves and the world. \* \* \*

The third means of acquiring an education is *instruction from God*. Education is something more than the enlightening of the intellect. The affections need educating



as well as the intellect. That, and that only, is true education, that enlightens the mind and purifies the affections. God does not delight in a great intellect unless it is governed by a great heart, beating in unison with His own. \* \* \* Would you be educated in the true signification of the term, then *help yourselves, obtain all the assistance you can from other people and receive the instruction of God.* The two last means require study and self-exertion. Therefore activity is an attribute of the *true man*, without it there can be no progression."

After reading letters of congratulation from former residents of Bernardston, who were unable to be present, S. N. Brooks, Esq., read the following:

To the Inhabitants of Bernardston:—

*Fellow Citizens:*—The observation and experience of my whole life have satisfied me that education and religion are the great and fundamental principles on which the prosperity and happiness of all communities must depend, and that it is the duty of all men to promote those objects by all the means within their power.

Your religious institutions consist of five religious societies, all in successful operation; of five church buildings, all pleasant edifices, and in good repair, with five pastors, all men of ability and zeal in the sacred calling, of five Sabbath-schools for the religious education of the young, and as many Sunday school libraries. Thus your arrangements for promoting religious principles, and spiritual attainments are ample and sufficient.

Your institutions for educational purposes consist of six school districts with as many school houses and schools all well endowed, where the primary branches of education are well taught. In Powers Institute you have a high school in successful operation, with a fund for its support, and with a convenient, tasteful and eligible building, where your children can acquire the higher branches of education.

But in order to render your means of education and social progress complete, you need a public library; a want that has often been felt and expressed by the people of your town. To supply that deficiency, I propose to give to the town of Bernardston the sum of one thousand dollars to establish a free public library therein and one hundred dollars a year for ten years, (if I shall so long live) for its enlargement. Also the sum of five hundred dollars for the erection of a suitable fire proof library building.

*Provided, however,* that the town shall at a legal meeting accept of such donations, with the following conditions, viz., 1st. That said library shall be forever free for the use of all the people of Bernardston, for the teachers and students of Powers Institute, and for those families who reside in the adjoining towns who are regular and paying members of any religious society in Bernardston.

2nd. That said library shall be controlled and managed by a board of trustees, consisting of the town clerk, school committee and selectmen, ex officio, of the town of Bernardston; of all the resident clergymen and physicians of said town and of twelve other persons to be chosen by ballot at a legal meeting of the said town of Bernardston, and after the first election to be chosen at the annual town meeting in March, and to hold their offices for three years, one-third of said number to be elected annually, six of them shall be from the respective school districts, and three at large, and any person who shall give the sum of one hundred dollars for the enlargement of said library shall be an honorary trustee for life.

3rd. That the town of Bernardston shall authorize the selectmen to pay annually for the services of a competent librarian who shall be appointed by the board of trustees aforesaid; to pay for a full insurance against loss by fire of said library, library building, and the furniture therein, and to pay such a sum as the trustees shall deem sufficient for the repairs of the library building, and the books and furniture therein, so that the same shall be kept in a good condition.

4th. That no religious sect, political party, or any other combination of that kind, shall ever pervert said library to its own particular uses, the promotion of literature, art, science, religion and human happiness being the main objects of its foundation.

Hoping that the foregoing donation with the conditions annexed, may be acceptable to the people of Bernardston, and that the library thus established on the first Centennial Anniversary of the Incorporation of the town, may prove of inestimable value to all the people for ages to come, is the devout prayer and ardent wish of your friend and servant,

HENRY W. CUSHMAN.

Bernardston, Aug. 20, 1862.

Amid the applause which followed the reading of this communication, but one feeling and sentiment was expressed. Thankfulness and appreciation of the magnitude of the gift, coupled with a just feeling of pride that in its author was a true son of the noble old town. Could anything have been more appropriate to com-

plete the festivities of the day than that such an institution as this was designed to be, and so handsomely endowed, should be presented in such manner as not only to be a benefit to those of the present generation, but also to their children's children?

There was a notable number of old people present, the oldest person present from Leyden was Mrs. Nancy, wife of Capt. Ezra Foster, *ae.* 81 years; Briggs Potter and Chester Hastings, over 70 each, also represented that town.

From Bernardston the following named persons over 70 years of age were present: Rufus Guellow, 90; Mrs. D. Hale, 87; Mrs. Lydia Goodale, 86; Letitia Field, 83; Lydia Mitchell, 86; Reuben Park, 81; Phoebe Merriam, 82; Widow Clark, 80; Mrs. Sanderson, Israel Bagg, 85; Mrs. Ormilla Marsh, 70; Marian Scott, 75; Phoebe Goodrich, 75; Anna Parmenter, 74; Mrs. Bradley, 75; Margaret Wells, 70; Tartia Dickinson, 77; Doct. John Brooks, 79; Joseph Slate, 73; James Butler, 72; Cyrus Briggs, 73; Jesse Field, 70; Z. C. Newcomb, 70; Horace Atherton, 71; Simon Edwards, 75; wife, 72; Simon Sheldon, 75; Ralph Cushman, 79; T. B. Hoyt, 76; Mrs. Lucinda Slate, 75; George Thompson, 75; Samuel Howe, 77; Levi Park, 76; Mrs. Eunice Slate, 79; Lurena Chapin, 76; Lovina Hale, 78; Triphena Pratt, 77; Caroline Root, Seorim Cushman and wife, Mrs. Jason Brown, Mrs. Thomas Snow, Alpha Ryther, over 70.

During the delivery of Mr. Cushman's address, just as he uttered the words, "might makes right," the platform upon which he was standing, and the president and several others sitting, went down with a crash. Fortunately no one was injured, and after a hearty laugh the speaker proceeded, and it is only safe to suppose that such incidents but added zest to the occasion.

The celebration surpassed the expectations of even the most sanguine, and not one in the large audience but felt the better for the revival of old associations and the renewal of old acquaintances, and as they separated, each to his or her own home, resuming once more the duties which led them in greatly diversified paths, they could but have felt that they were the better off for having once more revisited the home and recalled the old familiar scenes of their childhood days. Each could but exclaim, "It was good to have been there."

## CHAPTER X.

### CUSHMAN LIBRARY—SCHOOLS.

In the present age of progression, one of the important factors in education is the establishment and maintenance of a thoroughly good collection of volumes, not only from the current literature of the day, but also such from the pens of older writers as seem best adapted to the needs of those for whose benefit the library is designed. Especially is this true of a town which is in any degree an educational town. Among the first to recognize this truism in this place was Lieut. Gov. Cushman, and with characteristic disinterestedness he determined that those with whom he was daily associated, those who had become so near and dear to him, should reap the benefits accruing from the establishment of such an institution in their midst. A perusal of the preceeding chapter reveals the definite form assumed by his thought. Such a magnificent gift could but have deeply touched the hearts of the townspeople, especially as mature consideration must have shown not only how much it meant to them, but also to future generations.

On the sixth of September following the announcement of the gift, a town meeting was held. It was unanimously voted:

“That whereas a communication, proposing a gift of money for the purpose of establishing a free public Town Library, was presented to the inhabitants of Bernardston, by the Hon. Henry W. Cushman, on the occasion of the Centennial Celebration of the incorporation of the town, Aug. 20, 1862, therefore,

Voted, by the inhabitants of Bernardston, in town meeting assembled as follows,—

1st. That we accept the aforesaid valuable present of ‘One thousand dollars to establish a Free Public Library in Bernardston, and one hundred dollars annually for ten years for its enlargement; and five hundred dollars for the erection of a suitable fire proof library building,’ (making a total of twenty-five hundred dollars) with the conditions and provisions there-



unto annexed; and we hereby engage faithfully and truly to abide by and carry out the same, according to the true intent and meaning of the generous donor thereof.

2nd. That we hereby, for ourselves and our posterity, who are to be long benefited by this judicious liberality, tender our gratitude and thanks to the Hon. Henry W. Cushman for this munificent gift which does so much to render our 'means of education and social progress complete.'

3rd. That future generations may be reminded of the origin of an institution from which they as well as ourselves will obtain so much that conduces to true improvement and lasting happiness, we hereby direct that the library thus established, shall forever be called the 'CUSHMAN LIBRARY.'

4th. That the Hon. Henry W. Cushman be an honorary Trustee for life, of the Cushman Library.

5th. As we recognize the wisdom and sagacity of dispensing bounties like the present during the life time of the giver, we will endeavor so to conduct the management of the Library as shall conduce most effectually to the good to be derived from it by ourselves and our children, and most evince our constant gratitude to its donor.

6th. That a copy of the foregoing votes be presented by the Town Clerk to the Hon. Henry W. Cushman, and also furnished to the Greenfield Gazette and Courier for publication."

The building is of brick, 36 feet and eight inches long, and twenty-five feet wide, two stories in height, and in its design is well adapted for its purpose. The lower story is occupied by the library proper, a small reference or reading room, and a safe built into the walls near the entrance, furnishing a fire-proof repository for books and papers. Through the liberality of Hon. John Sanderson, the upper story was added and done off into a hall known as Sanderson Hall, and by his heirs presented to the town in April, 1900. This for several years was utilized for small gatherings, and may be still so used, or as additional library room, as circumstances should require. The window caps and sills, also the pilaster capitals are of brown sandstone, while over the door, in letters of the same appears "Cushman Library." Others became actively interested in the enterprise so that upon the completion of the building contributions to the books purchased out of the fund given had increased the number to nearly two thousand, and



by the yearly additions made, that number has been increased to 6690, (1901), works of fiction, juvenile, history, travels, miscellaneous, science and mechanics, poetry, theology; moral and religious, agriculture, art and architecture, reference, Government records, reports, messages and documents, law, being included.

The dedicatory services were held upon the first anniversary of the gift, August 20, 1863, and were as follows:

- 1st. Singing by the choir, Anthem.
- 2nd. Reading of the Scriptures, by Rev. D. Wright.
- 3rd. Prayer of Dedication, by Rev. H. B. Butler.
- 4th. Singing by the choir of the original hymn by Rev. J. B. Green,

#### THE DAWN OF BETTER DAYS.

Welcome, dawn of better days,  
Welcome to our glens and braes,  
Welcome Knowledge, claim thy bays,  
Claim, and wear for aye.

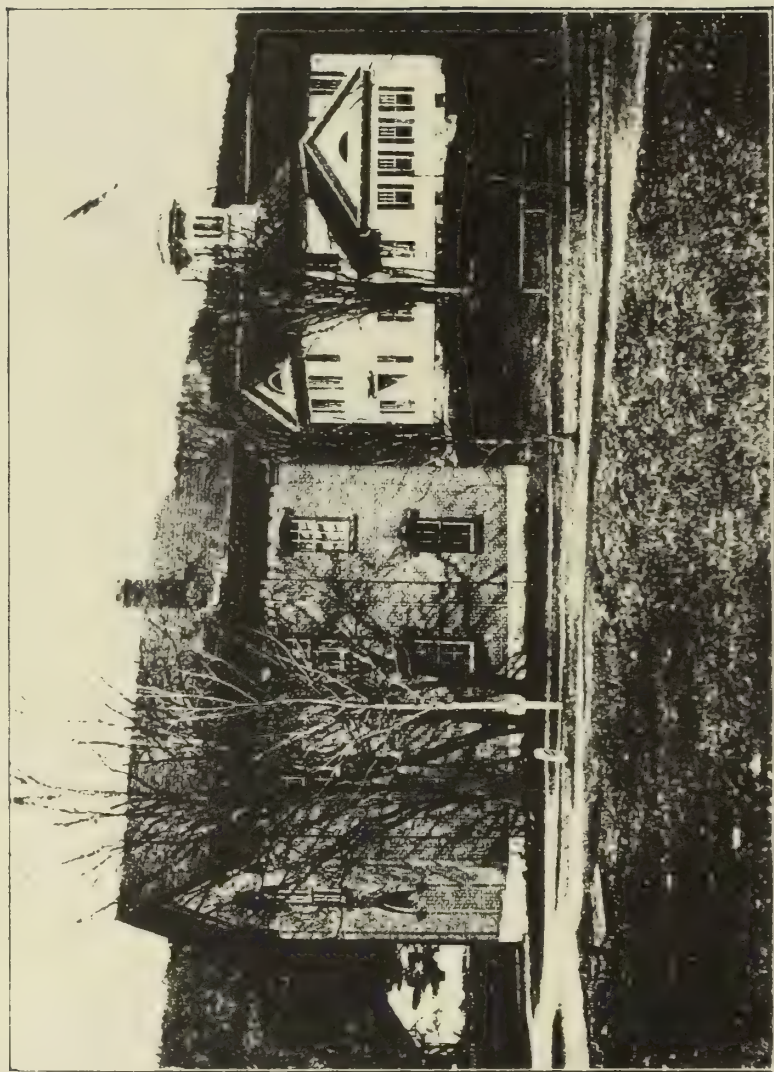
Let us raise a joyous song,  
Let the hills the sound prolong,  
Rising from a grateful throng,  
Welcome, Wisdom's sway!

Now let darkness backward flee,  
Folly here must homeless be,  
Error, exiled, none may see,  
In the coming light,  
Better days for truth have come,  
She with us shall find a home,  
Bigot hate shall soon lie dumb,  
Baffled by the Right.

Now let grateful thanks ascend,  
Thanks to Him our Heavenly Friend,  
Who a generous soul did send  
Here to bless us all.  
Bless us here with knowledge free,  
Bless the *race*, if faithful we;  
Better friend we'll never see,  
Blessings on him fall.

- 5th. Address, by Hon. Geo. T. Davis.
- 6th. Singing by the choir of an original hymn by Dr. John Brooks.
- 7th. Poem, by Fred P. Brown, of Williams College, formerly of Powers Institute.
- 8th. Prayer by Rev. G. L. Ruberg.
- 9th. Singing by the choir.
- 10th. Benediction by Rev. C. N. Merrifield.





CUSHMAN LIBRARY AND POWERS INSTITUTE.

The townspeople can but realize the sentiments so beautifully expressed by Dr. Channing, when he wrote :

"It is chiefly through books that we enjoy intercourse with superior minds, and these invaluable means of communication are in the reach of all. In the best books great men talk to us, give us their most precious thoughts, and pour their souls into ours. God be thanked for books. They are the voices of the distant and the dead, and make us heirs of the spiritual life of past ages. Books are the true levelers. They give to all, who will faithfully use them, the society, the spiritual presence of the best and greatest of our race. No matter how poor I am, no matter though the prosperous of my own time will not enter my obscure dwelling. If the Sacred Writers will enter and take up their abode under my roof, if Milton will cross my threshold to sing to me of Paradise, and Shakespeare to open to me the worlds of imagination and the workings of the human heart, and Franklin to enrich me with his practical wisdom; I shall not pine for want of intellectual companionship; and I may become a cultivated man, though excluded from what is called the best society in the place where I live."

Nobly have our people testified their appreciation of their valuable library by choosing and placing where it cannot fail to catch the eye of all who enter, this most appropriate expression of Channing's, "God be thanked for books." The librarians have been:

1. Noyes Barstow, M. D.,	elected	1863.
2. Rev. G. L. Ruberg,	" Apr.	1865.
3. Rev. T. A. Merrill,	" Aug.	1865.
*4. William Dwight, M. D.,	" Apr.	1866.
*5. Rev. Stillman Barber,	" Mar.	1873.
*6. Mrs. A. R. Cushman,	" Apr.	1874.
*7. Mrs. M. D. Bardwell,	" "	1876.
8. Fannie A. Bardwell (Mrs. Chas. Parsons),	" "	1877.
9. Nellie M. Hale (Mrs. Walter E. Nichols),	" "	1884.
10. Carrie M. Slate,	" "	1886.
11. Mrs. Mary A. Kenney,	" Aug.	1888.
12. Nellie R. Haskell,	" Apr.	1889.
13. Rev. D. H. Strong,	" Sept.	1889.
14. Rev. R. E. Birks,	" Apr.	1900.

\* Deceased

## SCHOOLS.

As in their emigration to this country, the Pilgrims sought liberty of thought and action in religious and eventually in civil mat-

ters, so one of their first duties subsequent to their settlement was the establishment of their church and schools. In the one they and their children might enjoy without alloy, the expounding of doctrines concurrent with their own train of thought; in the other the youth might receive an education unbiased by such sectarian influences as were exerted to a greater or less degree in their transatlantic home. And still further extending their liberal ideas, they resolved that the schools should be equally approachable by all, in a word that they should be *free*. Into such channels of thought and action did the tyranny to which they had formerly been subjected, turn their thoughts. Free schools had their origin in our grand old Bay State. In marked contrast to the stand so early taken by her puritanic settlers, were the sentiments expressed in 1671 by Sir William Berkley, first Governor of Virginia, in a letter to the English King, "I thank God there are no free schools nor printing presses here, and I trust there will not be this hundred years; for learning breeds up heresies and sects and all abominations. God save us from both." What an eloquent plea for the introduction of the very things he so strongly condemns, for what is more to be desired than that knowledge should be as freely diffused as the very air we breathe? As the latter in its purity is essential to bodily well-being, so is absolute purity and freedom of thought conducive to highest mental condition, and upon what more than this does the true establishment and maintenance of the best principles of our State and National governments depend? The dissimilitude of puritanical and tory ideas on this subject is most excellently portrayed by a comparison of this quotation from Sir William's letter with the words of Rev. John Robinson to the Pilgrims before they left Leyden for their future and unknown home. Above all things he charged them to build churches, establish schools, and read the Bible without sectarian prejudice, for, said he, "I am convinced that God has more light yet to break forth out of His holy word. Receive such light gladly."

In many places the first instruction imparted was by the minister upon secular as well as religious subjects. Doubtless this was true in our town in some measure. The first discussion relative to the foundation of a school system arose in 1769. In 1770 there



was granted to the several school districts of the town the sum of two pounds, proportioned as follows :

School at	Connable's,	7 shillings.
" "	Hasting's,	13 "
" "	Dea. Sheldon's,	26 "
" "	Lieut. Severance's,	14 "

At a town meeting held in December, 1770, six pounds were appropriated for the use of a school, and the town fathers were instructed to provide a place and appoint a time for keeping the school. In 1771 it was ascertained that there were "90 children in town who want schooling," hence one shilling four pence each was voted, or a total of six pounds. Again in December, 1772, there is recorded that the town voted "to raise one shiling and six pence for each scholar in town for schooling, which is seven pounds ten shillings, and that boys from six to sixteen years of age, and girls from six to twelve years of age shall be reckoned as scholars, and that the scholars at ye south end of ye town, up as far as Major Burk and Daniel Loomis on ye river, and on ye east side of ye town up as far as Amasa Sheldon's, shall go to Mr. Remembrance Sheldon's house to school; and that all ye scholars on ye hill from Mr. Wright's north, shall go to Sergt. John Severance's house to school; and that all ye scholars from Benjamin Green's north, and so out to Simon Edwards, shall go to Samuel Connable's house to school and that those people in ye west part of ye town may have a school where they can agree, and if the money that has been raised and is now being raised for schooling is not expended for that purpose in the term of one year from this time, the scholars shall not be entitled to said money."

What a contrast is here presented to the methods in vogue at the present! In the majority of cases, school-life is hardly considered as much more than thoroughly begun at what is here set down as the limit of scholarship. Very narrow minded and penurious would the youth of to-day consider those in authority should they see a vote so restricting what they have come to consider as their just rights and privileges; and yet, it was with just such advantages as these that many of the foremost men of former times acquired their educations. Knowing how precious was the time

allotted them, they were taught to and did utilize it to the utmost. A little later on, in early manhood, supplementing it, perhaps, by an hour of study snatched here and there from the performance of a hard day's work, or possibly either late at night or by rising at an earlier hour than that prescribed by the traditional early risers of olden time.

Another fact is here noticeable which shows the spirit of liberality which prevailed in our town. From the very first, girls were admitted to the privileges of the schools. In colonial days, many contended that their education should be limited to a thorough mastery of domestic duties. Book learning was considered superfluous. Take the town of Medford for instance. It was not until 1776 that the subject of female education was noticed, then only in this manner: "Voted that the master instruct girls two hours after the boys are dismissed," and at this time their schools had had an existence of 80 years. Ten years later girls were granted the privilege of attending schools during the three summer months. It did not take our town any such length of time to realize the need of educated women, hence we find boys and girls up to a certain age sharing the same educational advantages, and the resulting facts proved the efficacy of the method.

At a meeting held by adjournment at the house of Mr. Elijah Sheldon, December 20, 1773, it was voted "that all the Schoolers South of Ens'n Sheldon's and Daniel Loomis's shall go to one School, also that all the schoolers from Mr. Wright's north on ye hill shall go to one school, that all the schoolers from Benjamin Green's north shall go to one school, that all the schoolers at Beaver Meadow and Frizzell Hill go to one school, also that those schoolers joining on Colrairie be allowed their proportion of money for Schooling." April 17, 1772, for his services as teacher, Zebulon Allen received the sum of 1-12-0-0; May 29, 1773, Widow Shaddock, 1-17-4-0; June 22, 1774, there was paid to Mary Cunnabell for "keeping school," 1-15-0-0; to Huldah Sheldon, for the same, 2-8-0-0. These four persons were undoubtedly the instructors of the youth of the town prior to the Revolution.

From this time until 1784, nothing appears upon the records to indicate that anything was done in the matter of education. Ow-

ing to the unsettled condition of the country, and the active part which the town assumed during the Revolutionary strife, is it not safe to suppose that the money hitherto appropriated for educational purposes was now freely given to the support of the colonial cause, which as we have seen, the inhabitants of the town so warmly espoused? Another reason may be found in the fact that in many cases, the fathers of the families being away in the service of their country, so many of the youth may have been obliged for the time being to have assumed the duties usually devolving upon their elders, as to render the number of scholars too small to continue the schools advantageously. After the beginnings made in educational matters, we can hardly explain a cessation only by some such hypothesis. As we consider the probable financial condition of the most of the residents at this time, we can readily understand how they might not be able to meet all the demands for outside matters. Be that as it may, there must have been a good and sufficient reason for even a temporary suspension.

As we have seen, the custom hitherto prevalent was for the schools to be kept at private houses, the financial standing of the town not being such as to warrant the erection of school buildings. An effort toward progression was made when, in 1784, it was ordered that the town be divided into four school districts, and that each should build a school house, or provide a place in which to keep the school at its own expense. The division was as follows: the south-east part of the town as far west as Joseph Denio's and Capt. Burnham's, taking in Mr. Wright's, Hezekiah and Joel Chapin's, Jonathan Sheldon's and Ebenezer Slate's families, should constitute one district, and their school house should stand in the road by the south-west corner of Caleb Sheldon's farm. The north-east district extended west to Ball Mountain, south to Calvin Bliss's. The school house was to stand in the road south of Lieut. Severance's where Elias Parmenter's road comes into the road that leads from Lieut. Severance's to the meeting house. The north-west district was to contain all north of John Burk's west of the river, and all north of Daniel Loomis's on the east side, to Ball Mountain. The school house was to be located south of the lane that leads from the road to Samuel Connable's. The school house in the south-west

district was assigned a position in the sawmill yard. At this time it was also voted that the public money be divided by the assessors on the common list of each district, and that each district have their proportion by this rule. The districts, as will be noticed, coincide very closely with the present division. Two years later a little change was made in this plan, owing probably to some little dissatisfaction having arisen. The south-west district was to divide and become two districts "provided they can agree among themselves, otherwise the whole of the west street from Joseph Hale's south and west inclusive, shall be one district." The inhabitants from Oliver Parmenter's to William Thayer's and John Coat's on those roads, and all east and south of those roads, are to comprise one district and the place for their school house is at the cross of the road leading "to Northfield on the one hand and Caleb Sheldon's on the other." Capt. Burnham and Joseph Denio were to be annexed to the south-west district. "Hill from Mr. Wright's north make two districts, Mr. Edwards' house to be the dividing line and he shall have liberty to annex himself to which district he shall choose and that the centre from Mr. Wright's to Mr. Edwards' of the south district shall be the place for their school house. The north district school house shall be set under the hill on the road leading to Mr. Daniel Slate's, if the majority choose it, if not on the top of the hill."

In 1796 the school tax was \$261.11. Three years later the "Singing School Committee" brought in a bill in behalf of Elias Parmenter for \$10.

April 7, 1800, the first school committee was appointed as follows: Samuel Flagg, Dr. G. Ryther, Ensign T. Hale, Nehemiah Wright, David Severance and Thomas Horseley, one member for each district, and thereafter the choosing of such a committee was an annual affair. In addition to this committee, there was, in 1815, a second one appointed, viz.: Job Goodale, Esq., Capt. Oliver Root, David Severance, Dr. Chapin and Joseph Connable, with the reverend pastor, to visit the schools at their beginning and ending, to inspect their regulations and to see that the money raised for that purpose be properly applied, and to encourage the "schoolars."

Thus do we see what our ancestors with their limited means were



able to accomplish, and considering the difficulties under which they labored, could we expect them to do more? Many towns settled by a different class of people, would have done much less and then felt proud of the result. As a town or country is first populated by people whose natural tendencies lead them toward peace or war, so do we find, almost invariably, those particular characteristics in their descendants, and that, too, in a marked degree. Bernardston has always been an educational and religious town, those two elements being unusually developed in her inhabitants, and her schools take high rank. There was a fund of \$716.00 derived from the sale of the school lands, which, as will be recalled, were included in the original one hundred lots as first appropriated by the proprietors, and the interest of this fund was to forever be devoted to the public schools. They also receive the income of \$5,000 bequeathed by Edward Epps Powers, who also endowed the institute bearing his name, and who has thus generously remembered the place of his nativity, the one condition annexed being that the town shall annually raise the sum of \$300. By the will of Judge Goodale, the sum of \$200 was bequeathed to be loaned at interest, and both principal and interest to be an accumulating fund until the amount reach twenty thousand dollars, after which time the annual interest of the said twenty thousand dollars "shall be appropriated by the town for the support of the poor so far as necessary and the residue for the support of the common schools, and a public library, if that should, by said town, be then thought expedient." This is now about \$7,000.

Probably the greatest number of pupils were enrolled between the years 1840 and 1860. At this time the attendance in district No. 3, for example, was in winter habitually 60 to 70 in number; now not over a quarter as many, and what is true of this in a great measure, is true of all. This is accounted for in two ways. First, because of a slight decrease in population, and second, a decided decrease in the size of the families. Look in what portion of the town you will, one acquainted with the families of yore, and of to-day, can but note the contrast! And what is true of this town, in this respect, is equally applicable to others.

The town makes an annual appropriation for its schools, which



with the income of the funds before mentioned, is a sum sufficient not merely to maintain the former grade, but to constantly raise the standard.

The wants of the higher departments have always been met in the two institutions so generously established by the former residents, and since fostered by the citizens, Goodale Academy and Powers Institute.

### GOODALE ACADEMY.

The first advancement made from the district school system had its origin in the generosity of Hon. Job Goodale, who, in his will, proven December 17, 1833, says:

"Whereas I have in contemplation the erection of an Academy in Bernardston to be called a school of useful science, and free from all sectarian theology, and whereas in pursuance of said plan on the tenth day of June, A. D. 1832, I contracted in writing with one Orra Sheldon to erect the necessary buildings for the accommodation of said school as will appear by the contract aforesaid. Now therefore to provide for carrying my wishes into full effect in case of my decease I hereby give, devise and bequeath to Zebina C. Newcomb and Joseph Slate and the survivor of them, all my right, title and interest in and to the contract made with the said Orra Sheldon as aforesaid in trust and for the use of the said academy as hereinafter expressed and devised. I also give and devise to the said Zebina C. Newcomb and the survivor of them about five acres of land and the house on the same lying south of the highway and between the Unitarian and Universalist meeting houses in said Bernardston and south of the same being all the land lying there which I purchased of Zebina C. Newcomb, in trust and for the use of Said Academy, upon which land the said Sheldon is to construct and erect the buildings specified in his said contract. In the further execution of this trust, it is my will that the said Zebina C. and the said Joseph or the survivor of them shall as soon as may be procure an act of the Legislature incorporating themselves and their associates as proprietors of said academy, with the usual provisions and privileges in such cases. I also request in addition thereto a special provision authorizing and directing, that the annual net income of said corporation over and above paying all necessary expenses shall be annually appropriated toward the support of preaching the gospel in the Orthodox Congregational society as aforesaid."

In pursuance with the instructions herein given, the buildings were erected, and in the present residence of the late Mr. J. N. Dewey, is seen the Goodale Academy building. It was Mr. Goodale's design that the pastor of the Orthodox Congregational society should also act as preceptor of this school, but this did not prove successful and was speedily abandoned as being impracticable. Mr. Pliny Fisk of Shelburne was the teacher of this institution for many years: under his tutorship the school acquired a prominent position among the educational institutions of the day, and it is estimated that fully 1900 pupils profited by his capable instruction.

In pursuance with Mr. Goodale's design the first teachers of this institution were the pastors of the Congregational society: Rev. Vinson Gould, from its foundation in November, 1833, until 1836, Miss Mary Strong, assistant; Rev. Bancroft Fowler, 1836 until 1839; Pliny Fisk, from 1840 until February 21, 1857.

Concerning the lives and works of the two first preceptors, a full account will be found in another portion of this volume, they both being pastors of the Orthodox Congregational society.

Mr. Fisk was by far the longest associated with this institution, and to the majority of people the mention of Goodale Academy brings to mind the familiar face and form of the man so long its principal. He was a native of the town of Shelburne, Mass., born July 30, 1817. Being the son of a farmer, his boyhood was spent in the routine duties which that calling demands, attending school as occasion presented, and the cessation from labor would admit. In September, 1836, he entered Amherst College, graduating in 1840. His standing while a member of this institution was indicated at his graduation by receiving from the faculty an appointment, showing that in scholarship he ranked among the seven first in a class of 44.

Immediately after graduation, he assumed charge of Goodale Academy, remaining two and a half years; then he accepted the principalship of the high school in Greenfield, remaining there a year and a half. At the expiration of this time he was urgently requested to return to his first school in Bernardston. This he did, retaining his connection with that school during the remainder of its existence.

He married in Shelburne, August 29, 1844, Orilla H. Peck, who was born in Leverett, Mass., February 21, 1822. They had five children:

Harriet Amelia, born in Bernardston, May 17, 1847.

Son, born in Shelburne, November 3, 1861; d. November 5, 1861.

Pliny, Jr., born in Shelburne, October 26, 1862.

Mary.

John.

Mr. Fisk was always interested in the cause of education, serving as a member of the school board in Bernardston several years, and in a like capacity in Shelburne from March, 1860, to March, 1863. During the years 1861-2-3, he was one of the selectmen of Shelburne, two years chairman of the board, also chairman of the board of assessors in 1862-3. In 1858 he was chosen representative to the Legislature from the First Franklin District.

Retiring from teaching, he devoted his energies to farm life, achieving here success as well as in his professional work. The confidence and respect in which he was held by his townsmen and the community at large, was well illustrated by his repeated election to responsible positions of public trust. He died in Shelburne, after a long illness, December 12, 1872. His family removed to Greenfield, where they resided until the fall of 1892, when the son's business interests being in Boston, they removed to Arlington, Mass.

### POWERS INSTITUTE.

As is indicated by the name "Powers Institute," this school owes its origin to the love of the old town which existed in the breast of one of her sons, who by the following provision in his will, thus sought to do her honor.

"To the town of Bernardston, State of Mass., I give and devise one hundred shares in the capital stock of the Franklin County Bank, at Greenfield, Mass., the par value of which is ten thousand dollars, the income of which shall forever be used for the purpose of education in said town in the following manner, viz: One-half of the annual income of said stock shall be expended by said town, for the support of common or public schools therein, in the same way and for the same purposes that the money now raised by

taxation for the support of the schools is used provided that said town shall annually raise and expend for the support of the common schools therein, a sum not less than three hundred dollars.

And the other half of the annual income of said bank stock shall be used and expended by said town to maintain and support a grammar, or high school therein."

In meeting assembled March 22, 1856, the inhabitants most gratefully accepted this legacy of Mr. Powers, expressing by appropriate votes and resolutions their thanks for the same, and directing "That a good education for the mass of the people, being of the highest value and importance as well in reference to our temporal interests as to our future welfare, we will honor the name, the memory and the wisdom of the benevolent donor, by directing that his legacy shall forever be called the 'Powers School Fund.'" The school which was founded by means of his generosity was to be called also by his name, and the executor of the estate was requested to inscribe upon his monument, which was erected in the cemetery at the village, his body being brought thither for burial, "He was the Donor of Ten Thousand Dollars to the Town of Bernardston for Schooling."

The control of the fund and the management of the Institute is, under the plan adopted by the town, vested in 21 trustees, of whom the school committee are members. Eighteen of the trustees hold office for three years, one-third of the number retiring and one-third being elected annually. Of these, six are chosen from the respective school districts, seven at large, two from Greenfield, one from Leyden, one from Gill and one from Northfield. In the early spring of 1897 a change was made in the trustee board reducing the number of trustees to twelve, and electing only inhabitants of Bernardston. It was declared by the authorities "That it is a school conducted according to law, under the order and superintendence of the authorities of the town of Bernardston and as such is a high school within the meaning of the statute, relating to the payment of tuition by towns for scholars attending therein." Now the tuition of pupils from outside Massachusetts towns having a valuation of less than \$500,000, is paid by the State, making the advantages of this school free to all such.



The Institute is situated on the north side of Church street, some 15 rods from the street. The plan is that of a cross, the main part of the building is 65 feet long, 34 wide and two stories high, with two entrances, one from the north and one from the south. On either side wings are attached, one story in height, and 16x33 feet, so that the entire width is just equal to the length, 65 feet. Surmounting the whole is a cupola, upon which is an observatory, affording fine and picturesque views of the surrounding country.

The interior of the building is both pleasant and convenient. The lower floor is devoted to recitation and ante-rooms; the school rooms are of equal size, connected by sliding doors, and directly accessible from the entrance halls. They are each 32x33 feet and 13 feet in height. Smaller recitation rooms are in immediate connection. The upper story is devoted to a large hall, or rather was originally, for within a few years it has been subdivided, so that the space now devoted to a hall is much smaller than in the original plan.

Belonging to the Institute is a large and well selected philosophical apparatus, the gift of Hon. H. W. Cushman, who was a most active and efficient agent in carrying out the instructions of Mr. Powers in regard to the school; during his life he always took a personal interest in the welfare of the school, giving freely of both his time and money for its advancement.

The cost of the grounds was about \$750.00. Of this sum Mr. John Sanderson paid \$300, Col. Ferry \$250 and the town \$250.

The Institute was dedicated with appropriate and interesting exercises September 1, 1857. The order of exercises was as follows:

Music by the Band.

Prayer by Rev. H. G. Park.

Original Poem by J. D. Canning.

Address by Hon. George S. Boutwell, Secretary Massachusetts Board of Education.

Original Ode by Mrs. F. H. Cook. (Tune America.)

Poem by E. W. B. Canning, A. M., Principal of the Stockbridge High School.

Anthem by the Choir.

Prayer by Rev. D. H. Ranney.

Closing Hymn. (Tune Old Hundred.)

Benediction, Rev. H. G. Park.

Within three years Henry W. Cushman built and gave to the



town the use of Cushman Hall and the ground whereon it stands, Cushman Park. The Hall has always been used as a residence for the principal and his family, while the two upper stories are designed as dormitories for students attending from other towns. Thus is a pleasant home afforded and where the personal care and oversight of the principal can be secured. The cost of the Hall was about \$5,000, and in honor of its giver has always been known as Cushman Hall.

From the catalogue of Powers Institute, recently published, we gather that within the more recent history of the school, several gifts have been received which merit acknowledgment. Through the generosity of Rev. George H. Clark and Mrs. Susan Ferry Clark of Hartford, Ct., a sufficient sum of money for the equipment of the department of physics and of chemistry has been donated, and these departments are to-day equal to any of similar schools in this section. In addition to this, several public spirited gentlemen, assisted by the town, have purchased and given to the school a fine binocular microscope of high cost, and the class of '89 added a refracting telescope of the value of seventy-five dollars. Classes in natural science have donated sundry pieces of apparatus from year to year. In 1895 Mr. and Mrs. Clark, always the generous friends of the school, added to their other gifts a fund of \$5,000—a sum equivalent to the original endowment of the Institute by Mr. Powers—to be called the Aretas Ferry Fund, in memory of Mrs. Clark's father. The interest of this fund is to supplement the town's annual appropriation for teachers' salaries. A fine portrait of Col. Ferry accompanied the gift, and hangs in Chapel Hall.

A number of other portraits adorn the walls of the Hall: one of Prof. Ward, presented by the Tri Kappa society; of Prof. Hunt, presented by himself (together with a valuable collection of minerals for the school cabinet), and portraits of Profs. Sanborn, Jackson and Underwood, also of Mrs. E. C. Jenness, an assistant teacher for seven years, given by their respective pupils. To these the town in '95 added a portrait of Mr. Powers.

In November, 1890, an alumni association was formed, the outgrowth of a series of re-unions extending over a period of more than ten years. Prof. Lucien Hunt, of Gorham, Me., was elected

president—a position which he still holds—and the time for the triennial re-unions was fixed for the third Wednesday in August, the next coming in 1901.

The principals have been :

1.	H. D. Foster, A. B.,	-	-	-	Sept. 9, 1857,	1858.
2.	L. F. Ward,	-	-	-	Feb. 22, 1858,	March, 1863.
3.	Joseph W. Cross, Jr.,	-	-	-	March 3, 1863,	March, 1864.
4.	Lucien Hunt,	-	-	-	1864,	July, 1868.
5.	L. F. Ward,	-	-	-	July, 1868,	Aug., 1871.
6.	Sylvester Dixon, acting principal one term, by proxy. Under Prof. Ward's regime. Profs. S. C. Smith and R. C. Barrett occupied the principal's chair one year each.					
7.	A. J. Sanborn,	-	-	-	Aug., 1872,	Aug., 1877.
8.	Frederick E. Stratton,	-	-	-	1877,	July, 1879.
9.	L. McL. Jackson,	-	-	-	July, 1879,	1883.
10.	B. A. Goodridge,	-	-	-	June 11, 1883,	1885.
11.	Miss Ellen Bradley, acting principal for spring term of 1885.					
12.	E. L. Underwood,	-	-	-	1885,	1890.
13.	C. L. Mitchell,	-	-	-	1890,	1892.
14.	F. S. Brick,	-	-	-	1892,	1896.
15.	— Bixby,	-	-	-	1896,	1898.
16.	E. E. Sawyer,	-	-	-		1898.

Henry D. Foster, A. B., who was the first principal of Powers Institute, began his work here September 9, 1857, and remained for two terms. Prior to his coming here he had held a position as teacher in what was then the Brattleboro Academy. He continued his work of teaching until 1864, when he became the editor of the Ludlow Gazette, at Ludlow, N. H. He was also register of deeds. He died at Grafton, Vt., in October, 1869.

L. F. Ward was the youngest of the five children of Nathaniel and Cynthia (Clark) Ward and was born in Wardsboro, Vt., November 17, 1824. His father was born in Holliston, Mass., July, 1777 : removed to Vermont when 17 years of age, and was one of the first settlers of Wardsboro (that portion which has since been set off to Dover), where he was a successful farmer.

Mr. Ward enjoyed the best educational advantages to be derived from the common schools, and being wholly devoted to his books, and assisted by his mother, herself an excellent and successful teacher until her marriage, he had at the age of 12 advanced himself to an enviable position in point of scholarship. In mathemat-

ics he was especially proficient, and it was always a branch of which he was particularly fond and in the expounding of which he was remarkably clear in his later professional work. "One of the highest of all the means of youthful improvement, he enjoyed in his native town a library of choice history and biography. To the existence of this library more than to any other single influence may be attributed his love of study and familiarity at an early age with the best models of the English language." His academical education was largely received in the higher schools of Townshend and Chester, and two terms at Burr Seminary, where he finished his preparatory studies. During this time he rarely attended more than two terms of the school year, but kept up with his classes by close and continuous application at home as his relaxation from farming duties would admit.

He took the four years' collegiate course at Dartmouth, graduating in 1847 with a class of young men of excellent ability. Upon his graduation he took charge of Saxton's River Seminary, Vermont, which he continued with good success until the spring of 1850, pursuing in the meantime the study of law in the office of General Kellogg of that town.

February 28, 1850, he married Henrietta, daughter of Joseph and Jerusha Leach of Saxton's River. That spring he removed to Westminster, where for a year he taught the Westminster Seminary. At the expiration of this period, through the urgent request of the trustees of Saxton River school, seconded by a largely signed petition of the citizens, he returned to his first charge, remaining until the spring of 1854. He was also engaged during this time at Saxton's River in the mercantile business, conducting the same by the aid of assistant while he gave his chief attention to the school.

Influenced by the earnest solicitations of his Westminster friends and the better railroad facilities there, he returned to that place in 1854, built a home for himself and determined to make that his permanent residence. To his pupils he had so endeared himself that they accompanied him in a body. In 1855 he was elected for Windham county as a member of the council of censors of the State of Vermont; this position he held for two years.

In 1858 he resigned his position and assumed the principalship of the Institute in this town, and his advent here, as in other places, was marked by his bringing nearly a hundred former pupils. Probably the greatest number ever registered here was during Prof. Ward's administration. The average attendance for the first five years was over 150 a term, and one term it is recalled that it reached the number of 270. His first engagement here extended over five years. Upon his retirement from this school he returned to his former home, Westminster, where he had always owned the home built in early manhood. He died in April, 1882, in Westminster, Vt.

His children were

LaFayette Joseph Nathaniel, born in Saxton's River, August 11, 1851.

Arthur Allen, born at the same place, May 11, 1854.

Joseph Warren Cross, Jr., the successor of Prof. Ward, was a native of West Boylston, Mass., and a graduate of Amherst College. Prior to coming to Bernardston he was for five years a popular and acceptable principal of the Chatham, Mass., high school. He married in Keene, N. H., February 26, 1863, Jennie L., daughter of Francis Foster of Keene. January 18, 1864, he advertised to open a family school in Sterling.

Lucien Hunt is a descendant of the so-called "Amesbury Line" of the Hunt family. Of the three brothers of the line, one Phillip removed to Sanbornton, N. H., into what came to be later known as the "Hunt neighborhood." His children numbered twelve, and Phillip Jr., the eldest of these, was the grandfather of the subject of our notice. His father, Anthony Colby Hunt, was the seventh of eleven children, and when only eighteen years of age married Mary Chase of Deerfield, N. H. "She was a woman of strong character, industrious, careful and conscientious." Mr. Anthony Hunt, after successive residence in Gilmanton, Sanbornton and Weirs, N. H., removed to the neighboring State of Vermont, being one of a little colony which settled the town of Woodbury. Here Mr. Lucien Hunt was born. His father remained in Vermont 17 years, then returned to Sanbornton, and the town which he had helped to found was deserted. Mr. Hunt was not slow to appreciate the advantages afforded by his residence at Sanbornton Bridge, and



every opportunity for securing an education was most eagerly embraced. He was fortunate likewise in having the best of teachers. He began teaching in the Bay Hill district, Northfield, when but sixteen. He next pursued the vocation at Natick and Kingston. During all this time he earnestly devoted himself to study. "He had read Latin—his favorite study—far beyond the college course ; a suitable amount of Greek ; many volumes of French and German ; beside most of the English branches required by the college curriculum."

In 1863 Wesleyan University (Middletown, Ct.) conferred the degree of A. M. His work as principal of the Marlow, N. H., Academy met with phenomenal success. His engagements in his chosen work of teaching called him successively to Castine, Me., Standish, Me., and Boston, Mass. While in the latter place, his health became impaired to such an extent as to induce him to take a two years' vacation, and it was during this period that he took as his partner in life, Miss Caroline Higgins of Standish, Me. Her "social nature, executive ability, kindness and the happy faculty of making the best of everything, have procured hosts of friends wherever their lot has been cast, and lightened the toils and perplexities incident to a most laborious profession."

Mr. Hunt next engaged with the trustees of Powers Institute for five years and soon his magnetic influence became apparent in the remarkable and healthy growth of that institution. At the expiration of his term of service he was invited and urged to renew the contract, but preferred to respond to a loud call from Falmouth, Mass. Here he remained for twelve years. His last service was as principal of McCollom Institute, Mount Vernon, N. H., where he remained for two years. From this he resigned, purposing to expend the time left in literary labor, a pursuit most congenial to his tastes. He is a trustee of McCollom Institute, also of the New Hampshire Conference seminary at Tilton, N. H. Mr. Hunt's present residence is Gorham, Me.

R. C. Barrett, '70 '71, was born in 1830 in Webster, Mass., received his education in the public schools and in Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass. He began teaching when 21 years of age, and ex-



cepting three years' service in the civil war, has followed it continuously. He is now principal of the "Advanced Business Department" of Euclid Ave., Business College, Cleveland, Ohio.

S. C. Smith, '71-'72, studied at Worcester high school and graduated at Amherst in 1866. He taught continuously as principal of high schools until 1874, when he became a master in the English high school, Boston, Mass., which position he still holds.

A. J. Sanborn, '72-'77, was born in Craftsbury, Vt., in 1830. He studied at Craftsbury and Dartmouth College, graduated from the college in Cincinnati in 1858, taught as principal of high schools or seminaries, or served as superintendent of schools until 1877. He compiled a volume of poetry entitled "Green Mountain Poets." Upon giving up his position here, he retired to a farm in Newport, Vt., where he died in 1880.

Frederick E. Stratton was born July 5, 1847, in Athol, Mass., where he remained until the age of 16 years. He entered Williams College in the fall of '67 without a condition. In the winter of '66-67 he taught his first school, and was called upon the next winter to take charge of the same one. During his sophomore year he took first prize for excellence in mathematics, graduating in 1871. During both freshman and junior years he taught one term. He was also during his senior year selected as one of six by his college and the lyceum of natural history connected therewith, to go on a scientific expedition to Central America, he to act as treasurer of the expedition and to have charge of the botanical researches. In 1871 he was principal of the Orange high school; in 1873-6, of the New Salem academy, from which he came to Bernardston in 1876. While here he was president of the Franklin and Hampshire Counties Teachers' Association. In 1879 he went to Boston, securing from the supervisors a first grade certificate of qualification, making him eligible to teach in Boston schools in any position. For the next four years he taught in and about that city. In 1883 he accepted the principalship of the Davenport, Ia., high school, at that time the largest high school in the State, and the first to introduce, under his nine years' administration, departments in cooking and manual training. For five years he was president of the city Y. M. C. A. He was one of the first board of directors of the Iowa

State Teachers Reading Circle, and was for several years the State secretary. In 1890 he was offered a professorship in Iowa College, but remained in Davenport until 1892, when he accepted the principalship of the academy connected with Carleton College. He married in 1874, Mary T. Goddard of Davenport, and they have one daughter.

Lewis McLellan Jackson. Disabled soldiers of the late war who were so unfortunate—or fortunate—as to be sent to Amory Square hospital in Washington, D. C., have pleasant recollections of the chaplain's interesting group of children, who, by their engaging prattle and pretty ways, whiled away many hours that would otherwise have been very monotonous. Only two of these little ones lived to reach mature years, one of whom was Lewis McLellan Jackson. He was the son of Rev. E. W. and Abbie (McLellan) Jackson, born in 1854, in Indianapolis, Ind., where his father was at that time stationed as pastor of the Methodist church. Upon the maternal side he claims Scottish ancestry. His early years were spent in Washington and Maine preparing for college at Gorham, Me., and taking a four years' course at Wesleyan University, at Middletown, Ct., graduating in 1875. He then spent four years in teaching and newspaper work. He came to Bernardston in 1879, having as an assistant Miss Annie Hedge Noble—now Mrs. Penrose L. Baldwin,—and in 1880, Miss E. O. Putnam of Danvers, a graduate of the Salem Normal school. In 1883 he removed to Athol, where until 1886, he was principal of the Athol high school, since which time he has been engaged in life insurance, locating in Worcester. On account of failing health, he removed thence in 1891 to St. Paul, Minn., where he remained until May, 1895, when he was appointed manager for the Northwestern Ohio, for the Ohio Mutual Life Insurance Company, with headquarters at Toledo.

He married first in 1880 or 1881, Estelle A. Fisher of Springfield, Mass. She died in 1887, leaving one child, Harold F. Married second, October, 1893, Linna E. Rider of Worcester, Mass.

B. A. Goodridge, '83 '85, born in Lyndeboro, N. H., in 1857; studied at Tilton, N. H.; graduated from Boston Seminary in 1881; engaged in teaching and lecture work; took a course of study in

Harvard Divinity school; was in Europe in 1890-1; settled as a minister in Harvard, Mass., in 1892; is now pastor of Christ church, Dorchester, Mass.

Ellen L. Bradley, spring of 1885; graduated Wheaton seminary; a teacher most of the time since; resided in Boston, Mass., where she died in July, 1901.

Edward L. Underwood, 1885-90, born in Boston; graduated Brimmer grammar school 1874, Boston Latin school 1878, Harvard College 1882; became principal of the Canton high school 1890, and in 1892 took the position of instructor in science and mathematics in the John P. Hopkins' classical school, which he still holds, having his residence in Canton, Mass.

Clarence L. Mitchell, 1890-2, graduated Bowdoin College in 1889; is now teaching at Warham, Mass.

Francis S. Brick, 1892-6. Born in Lowell, Mass.; graduated Maine State college in 1888; superintendent in 1889, of schools in Berlin Falls, N. H., prior to his service here. He went thence to Belfast, Me., where he took a position as superintendent of schools in March, 1900. He accepted a like superintendency of the district including Agawam, Southwick and Granville.

For the sketches of Messrs. Barrett, Smith, Sanborn, Goodridge, Underwood, Mitchell, Brick and Miss Bradley, I would acknowledge indebtedness to the catalogue of Powers Institute.

Prof. J. H. Bixby was here for some two years, going thence to Granby in the fall of 1898, where he died August 4, 1901.

E. E. Sawyer, the present principal, is a graduate of the Bates college, class of 1888. Subsequently he held the position of professor of science at Saratoga, N. Y., then principal of the high school in Pepperill, and later superintendent of schools in the town of Maynard, which position he resigned to become principal of the Institute here. The present success of the school testifies as to his abilities in his work. Associated with him are Misses M. E. White, and Ida Chapin, the latter in the preparatory department.

## CHAPTER XI.

HISTORICAL AND LOCAL ITEMS—ROLL OF THOSE WHO SERVED IN  
WARS OF 1744-1758—REVOLUTION—SHAY'S REBELLION—WAR OF  
1812—CIVIL WAR—POSTMASTERS—TOWN OFFICIALS—COLLEGE  
GRADUATES.

It appears from a few pages of manuscript now in the possession of Rev. C. C. Carpenter, that the earliest attempt made toward preparing a history of this place was not far from 1814 presumably, when Major Stephen Webster took the matter in hand. All that he wrote would not exceed four or five pages of foolscap, and the substance has been herein incorporated; nevertheless the interest which gathers about these old documents and their value, has led to a few extracts being made. It will be noticed that for the times, the spelling was evidently phonetically exact. The first paper is thus headed: "Fall Town—Sence Bernardston." Then follows a very brief reference to the "99 men or their Heirs who Cut off and destroyed a large tribe of indians at the Grate falls" \* \* \* "for other events of that refair to Hebords History."

Mention is next made of Ebenezer Sheldon and John Burk as "distinguished carriectors." In succession is noticed the extent and boundaries, surface under which latter heading is mentioned Craggy Mountain in the neighborhood of Bald Mountain, soil and productions. In speaking of

"The grains of rie in pertilur of which it produces from 10 to 30 bushels per acre of which kind of grain it may be Computed that the Town rases 7000 Bushels pr Annum. and may be sed to be the Staple Comedty; and will make more than 8 Bushels pr Sole of its poperlation but their is but verey littel Beaf or pork for markit nor Butter and cheas for Exportation; Sheap air raised verey Considerable and in perticluer the merino or Spanish and grateley increased sence the troubles and difculteys of Commerce they prove to be helthy and thrive well and have added grateley to the welth and Independence of the town for which its inhabitants are strongly attached."



## RELIGION.

"The inhabitants are all Lutherans or Calvinists their air too Societies in Town; what is Called prisperterians—or Standing order and an Incorporated Society of Baptists. The Standing order or first Societey \* \* \* have settled the Revd Mr Timothy F. Rogers who has ben with them more than five years to their inteer satisfaction being a verey Exampley man; and of liveley tallents. The Baptists or Second society air rather in a broken Situation not having aney Settled minister with them. but still they attend Constantley on Set days for the most part have the Gospill explained to them by Some teacher of Chrischanety in privat Buildings not having aney hous bult in purticler for this purpos but gineraly they air good inhabitants and much given to devotion."

He then goes on to speak of roads, mentioning county roads from Greenfield to Brattleboro, from Greenfield through Bernardston to Northfield "and so on to keen in New Hamshire," one from Gill to Bernardston, and one from Montague through the "Easte parte of Bernardston."

"At present in town too grist mills & two Sawmills one clothers worke & one Carding machine on fall river all of which do business and some of them largeley; on mill Brook is a Sawmill—and on Couches Brook is a sawmill such is the situation of this mill Seat that the Warter falls in a verey short distance more than one hundred and fifty feat its fall is like going down a pair of Stairs & is one of natures Cureyoseteys the warter being forced through as it wair a solad mountain of roks the banks being of solad roks & forced as by the hand of arte & not more than ten or twelve feat wide at top over this aStonashin gulf we are told the indians passed with their Captives after destroying Deerfield on a log. \* \* \* Their air fore distilreys but onley one at present which works grain which Consumes about 15 bushels pr day of rie and corne and manufactures about 45 gallons of gin pr day."

In treating of the forts and the Indian troubles, he mentions many things already given, and gives the information that in their attempt to fire the Deacon Sheldon fort the Indians burnt a house belonging to Remembrance Sheldon, and standing without the fort.

The last topic treats of manners and customs and is as follows:

"The Inhabitants air princepley from Connecticut or descendants of Parents from that State—yet their air some of the desendance of the first Settlers who wair from Hatfield & dearfield & some from the Eastward in this







State—the state of Society may be said to be Good as its inhabitants air nearley on a level as to present Support their not being one of its Inhabitants who air dependant on the Town for Assistance; their air no lordlings hear to look down its sufrages but all are open and bold, tenasious of their wrights; Grate lovers of Contrey and strongley attached to the Constitution & government of the United States. their air no persons who indulg themselves in rioting & drunkardness as is the case in some places; their is but too or three casses among its poperlation of its inhabitants indulging themselves in drunkardness & they air held in contempt. theving is almost unnone as is allmost all breaches of the peace—their has not ben a Conviction found against aney of its inhabitants for breaches of the pese of aney magnitude for more than twenty years and onley one for more than forty—the Females air plane in their manners industrious hospitable Charitable Curtious to Strangers Virtuous fond of their husbands; and good mothers & profrolic ”

In the presidential contest in November, 1844, party feeling ran high, and the interest taken therein was well demonstrated by the action of two of the then Bernardston boys temporarily employed in Springfield, P. L. Cushman, 2nd., and George H. Burrows. These men held opposite views, and on election day Mr. Cushman returned to town to vote; upon learning of this fact, Mr. Burrows drove to Bernardston, arriving there about a half hour later than his fellow townsman, and it was said by those conversant with the facts, that it was a heated race between the two in covering the distance between the two places.

A copy of the original Proprietors' records has just been found in the attic of the home of the late William Boyle on South street. This was made in 1762 by Jonathan Ashley, probably, a son of "Parson" Ashley. Until found by the administrator of Mr. Boyle's estate, its existence was unknown or forgotten. Fortunately it is in a good state of preservation, and should be in the future properly preserved.

The shape of the lots as delineated upon the plans given in the old Proprietors' books is most irregular, curious and interesting. In some cases the form given is that of a triangle, and in others the number of sides vary from this to one whose boundaries are marked by 22 lines. Quite a number were found bounded by 16 and 18 lines.

One lot, No. 3, of the third division, was laid out to Reuben Dickinson, Joseph Smith being the original owner. The east side of this was on common land, which in turn bordered on "Rattlesnake's Den," and the latter upon the mountain. The end of the lot joined Peter Newcomb's lot.

Two lots, No. 80 A and B, were laid out to Azariah Van Horn. A was the corn mill lot, and lay west of said mill. B was the second part of the draft lying between the Great Mountain and Fall River on the east side of the river north of meadow lot No. 70. The S. W. corner stood by the S. side of a pond. This lot was doubtless near the present iron bridge, and it is an easy matter to fancy that in the meadow north are traceable the outlines of this old pond.

Lot No. 27, laid out February 22, 1743. "This lay on the plain called Dry Plain the N. E. corner being about W. 30 rods, E. of S. E. corner of the Mill lot No. 11."

Lot No. 40,—50 acres—"Beginning at a Chestnut tree at a place called Chestnut Hill in the north part of the township."

Recorded March 28, 1763, p. 243, on the back of the plan of lot No. 190, A., is this note: "Plan of ye Gore yt takes in some of ye Ore."

This plan was in the third division, laid out to David Ryder.

"April 12, 1777, Major Noah Goodman of South Hadley, writes to the Board of War, concerning large deposits of Iron Oar in Bernardston, on land belonging to Maj. Timothy Dwight, who has fled to Mississippi: The 'oar' could be brought about seven miles to the landing on the Connecticut and taken to where the furnace should be set, for about \$6 per tun."

Joseph Nash of South Hadley also writes to the Board of War that there is large quantities of "oar" there, very handy to ship by river to the proposed furnace at South Hadley. (State Archives.)

These little descriptions of plans are of interest in that they show the names given in olden time to certain localities and in some instances the names of original or early owners.

John D. Bouker of the Registry of Deeds, Greenfield, has blue

prints of the early maps and plans of the town. They are well worthy of study, and accessible at his office. A copy will also be found in Cushman Library.

The names of those engaged in service during the French and Indian wars of 1744-55 are as follows:

Alger, Waitstill.	Hawks, ——— Ensign.
Allen, Joseph, Sergeant.	Kingsley, Dea. Elijah.
“ Zebulon, Corporal and Lieutenant.	Landfier, ———
Bolton, John. (Fall Town Gore).	Medcalf, Oliver.
Burk, John, Major.	Newcomb, Corp.
Carey, Richard.	Rider, David, Lt.
Chapin, Caleb, Serg.	Sargeant, Rufus.
“ Hezekiah.	Scott, Moses, Capt.
“ Joel, Lt.	Severance, John.
Catlin, John.	“ Ebenezer.
Coats, Charles.	Sheldon, Abner.
“ Stephen.	“ Amasa.
Couch, James.	“ Ebenezer.
Cushman, Consider.	“ “ Jr. Centl.
Day, Nathaniel.	“ Elijah.
Denio, Joseph.	“ Elisha.
Evans, John.	“ Remembrance.
Field, Aaron.	Smith, Noah.
Foster, John, Serg.	“ Warham.
“ “ Jr.	Warner, Ichabod.
“ Ezekiel.	Webster, Stephen, Capt.
Frizzell, Michael.	Wells, Joshua.
“ Samuel.	Workman, John.
Fuller, ——— Drummer.	Wright, ——— Capt.
Hall, Simeon.	

Samuel Connable's house is described as being on the west side of "The great Chestnut Hill."

Sergeant Foster, Jr., died in the Burk Fort, and was buried in the old burying ground.

The first woman who died in town was Dea. Foster's first wife.

Among those resident in town in 1752 were Joseph Barnard, Daniel Dexter, Moses Scott, John Hooker, Aaron Denio, John Severance, Samuel McClalin on the home lot No. 6, through which a road was proposed, Matthew Clesson and Capt. Elijah Williams.

Fall River was called by that name as early as January 11, 1755.

Capt. Caleb Chapin being about to make a journey to Boston, was commissioned to trade for his neighbors:



"The account of Articles Which I must get at Boston. For my Self, One Sadle, Salt, Rum, Pepper, Spice Pins Darning Needles One Tunnel One Silk Handkerchief Bohe tea Putte for my Window Gun Powder Flints one file one scain of Black Sewing silk Ginger Indigo one scain of Read Sewing Silk.

For Lemuel Martindale Shot and Tea and Salt.

For Abner Smead, 1 gross of awls, 1 gross Tacks 1 pair of Cards 1 thousand of Pins  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Shuger 2 lbs. of Tea 1 Candlestick half pound of Indigo 2 pound of Copras.

Dr. Cushman. (la?) tches 3 pair all 2 shillings a Pair—5 Brass Nuts, one Small lock and Key-Lach Nails 5000 Rum and pound of Tea.

For Timothy Bascom half bushel of Salt, 1 lb. of Tea.

For Caleb Alvord  $\frac{1}{2}$  Box of glass 6x8—1 set of Tea dishes, 2 Pr. of H. (II.) 2 Pr. of H. (Door hinges).

For Sheldon & Chapin One Barriell of Rum One too Quart and one Gill measure tea & ( \* \* \* ?) One Spelling Book."

The following is the minister's rate for the year 1764-5 made February, 1765.

Sergt. Joseph Allen.

Major Burk.

Richard Bailey.

John Bolton.

Joel Chapin.

Caleb "

Hez "

Daniel "

James Couch.

John Chambers.

Charles Coats.

George Clerk.

Samuel Cunnabell.

John Foster.

Ezekl. "

John "

Nathl. "

Jacob "

John Frizzell.

Aaron Field.

Thomas Gillis.

Benjamin Green.

Mi. Frizzel.

Colo. Hawks.

Sampson Howe.

Samuel Hastings.

Simo. Hall.

George Lyons.

Abem. Peck.

David Rider.

Deacon Sheldon.

Lieut. "

Rememce "

Amasa "

Elijah "

Joseph Slate.

Daniel "

Moses Scott.

Wido. Luce.

John Severance.

James Tute.

Moses "

John Workman.

Joshua Wells.

David Wood.

Ichabod Warner.

Majr. Williams.

Thom. Pomeroy.

Daniel Newcomb.

At one time Major Burk found a young Indian along Fall River, whom he took and attempted to bring into a civilized state. He called him John Harmon, taught him to read, write and work. John designated Major Burk as "Old Aquilise," which freely translated from the Indian would have something the meaning of having the keen qualities of perception peculiar to the eagle. When the Indian reached manhood he ran away, still retaining the Indian traits to a marked degree. It is supposed that he piloted the Indians who attacked the Deacon Sheldon Fort and who were repulsed with some loss.

March 4, 1771. William Peat had the smallpox the previous summer. The charges at this March meeting were assumed by the town and amounted to eight pounds, four pence two farthings.

March 7, 1777. "Then the question was brought before the meeting as to whether Doctor Polycarpus Cushman and family should remain in his own house and have the smallpox, and it passed in the negative. Then the question was put, whether the town would provide any other house for him, and that also passed in the negative." Then natural inquiry would be, where were they allowed to stay during their illness? All records are silent.

The Revolutionary soldiers credited to and who have lived in Bernardston are, so far as has been ascertained :

Alger, James.  
 " Roger.  
 Allen, Asaph Dea. First Corp.  
 " Joseph.  
 " Simeon.  
 Andrews, Nehemiah, Lieut.  
 Atherton, Joseph.  
 Barnard, Samuel.  
 Bolton, John from Colrain Gore.  
 Briggs, Owen.  
 Bussell, Amasa.  
 Chadwick, William.  
 Chapin, Caleb, Capt.  
 " Daniel.  
 " Hezekiah.  
 " Joel, Serg.  
 " Selah.

Coats, John.  
 " Reuben.  
 " Simeon.  
 Connable, John.  
 " Samuel.  
 " "  
 Cook, Benjamin.  
 Cushman, Artemas, Capt.  
 Davidson, Barnabas.  
 " Edward.  
 Davis, Daniel.  
 " Jonathan.  
 Dennison, Jabez.  
 Evans, John.  
 Farrar, Samuel.  
 Foster, Ezekiel, Lieut.  
 " " Jr.

Foster, Rufus.	Scott, Ebenezer.
Fox, William, Corporal.	" Moses, Jr.
Green, Samuel.	Severance, Daniel.
Griffin, Jonathan.	" John, Lieut.
Groover, Eleazer.	Shattuck, Reuben, Lieut.
Guild, Samuel.	Sheldon, Arad.
Harding, Joshua.	" Reuben.
Hunt, John.	Slate, Joseph, Capt.
" Thomas.	" Jonathan, Capt.
Hastings, Samuel.	" Zebulon or Zebadiah.
King, Charles.	Smith, Isaac.
Kingsley, Dea. Elijah.	Turner, Samuel.
Kimpland, Samuel.	Tute, Moses.
Lee, Henry.	Walworth, Elijah.
Mallin, Samuel.	Webster, Jacob.
Merritt, James.	Weld, Calvin.
Newcomb, William	Whitcomb, Reuben.
Nims, Ebenezer.	Wilbur, Records.
Parmenter, Elias.	Willard, Ruel.
" Jason.	Williams, Amos.
Pinks, John, a Tory.	Wolley, David.
Risley, Elijah.	" Thomas.
Root, Samuel, Major.	Workman, John.
Ryther, Hophni.	

In 1780 the assessors returned the number of acres in Bernardston as 33,477, from which a deduction of 5000 acres was to be made for ponds, rivers and unimproved lands. The rateable estate was valued at 12489£ 12s., value of the grain on hand was 117£ 4s., number of polls, 119, houses 117.

The names of those appearing on the town rate for the year 1781, Charles Packer collector, together with the number of polls, is here given as being the most authentic record of the inhabitants at that time. Those residing in that part afterwards Leyden, are marked ‡; in the Gore†, so far as is known. It is evident that this relates more particularly to that section afterward incorporated as Leyden and Colrain :

Adams, John.	one poll.	‡Babcock, Joseph, Capt.	two polls.
" Caleb.	" "	Bigelow, Noah.	one poll.
Alexander, Solomon.	" "	‡Babcock, Peleg.	" "
‡Barstow, Alpheus.	" "	‡Barstow, Hezekiah.	" "
‡Burnham, Elijah, Capt.	" "	Clark, Elisha.	" "
‡Brown, Peleg.	" "	Crumb, Phineas.	" "
Briggs, Enoch,	three polls.	‡Cateley, John.	" "

Clark, Joseph.	one poll.	‡Wilbur, Uriah.	two polls.
‡Corse, Asher.	" "	Wheat, Samuel.	one poll.
‡Chapen, Daniel.	" "	‡Walsworth, William.	" "
‡ " Selah.	" "	Wells, Joshua, two and one-half polls.	" "
‡Crandell, Jared, Capt.	" "	‡Wells, Ner.	one-half poll.
Crumb, Billington.	" "	Wells, Asa.	one poll.
Crowfoot, Thomas.	" "	Walsworth, James, Capt.	two polls.
Coolidge, Daniel.	" "	" Amos.	one poll.
Crandall, Joseph.	" "	Wilson, James.	" "
‡Davenport, John.	" "	Whitman, Benjamin.	" "
‡Eson, John.	" "	Wells, Agrippa, Capt.	" "
‡Esen, Richard, Jr.	" "	Vining, Ebenezer	" "
‡Esen, Joseph.	" "	‡Harris, Benjamin, Dr.	" "
Elliott, Joseph.	" "	Baker, " "	" "
‡Frizzell, Reuben.	two polls.	McCumber, Jonathan.	" "
Fish, James.	one poll.	‡Cunnabell, Jonathan, Ensn.	two polls
‡Frizzell, Michael.	two polls.	Dewey, David.	one-half poll.
‡Foster, Ezekiel, Jr.	one poll.	Matthew, John.	one poll.
Hunt, John.	" "	Weson, Henry.	" "
Gates, David.	" "	‡Lucey, Deacon.	" "
" Peter.	" "	‡Stuart, William.	" "
Green, Jephthah.	" "	‡Cochran, Thomas	" "
‡Guild, Samuel.	three polls.	‡Carlton, Benjamin.	" "
Green, Paul.	one poll.	‡Riddle, Robert.	" "
Morgan, Timothy.	" "	‡Peck, Abraham.	" "
‡Noyes, Amos.	" "	‡Workman, John.	" "
‡Newcomb, Daniel, Lieut.	" "	‡Shearer, Thomas.	" "
Orvis, William.	" "	‡Clark, George.	" "
" Samuel.	" "	‡Morris, David.	" "
Bagg, Israel.	" "	‡Folton, Robert.	" "
Potter, David.	" "	‡Folton, William.	" "
Palmer, Humphrey,	one poll.	‡Ranger, Moses.	" "
‡Packer, Charles.	" "	Wilson, Widow.	" "
Pembleton, ———	" "	Fish, Joseph.	" "
‡Spicer, Jabez.	" "	Walsworth, James, Jr.	" "
‡Shattuck, Reuben, Lieut.	" "	Graves, Deacon.	" "
‡ " Ezra.	" "	" John.	" "
‡Walsworth, Nathan.	" "	‡Babcock, Oliver.	" "

The sum total of the tax was £1857, 7s.

"In assessing the above tax we have laid £11 11s. 4d. on the poll & Two farthing & 11-100 of a farthing on each pound of Estate.

AARON FIELD, }  
MOSES SCOTT, } Assessors.

In 1782 the undivided land was then divided among the original proprietors.

1782. At the raising of Major John Burk's house, after the frame was raised, an anthem was sung. The words were found in the 13th verse, of the 14th chapter of Revelations, and were set to the tune of "The Judgement Anthem":

"And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labor; and their works do follow them."

(So said Israel Slate, November 7, 1857.)

May 7, 1783, mention is made of land on Dry Plain, so called, near the Hackmetack swamp. It was bounded on two sides by land of Chileab Hale, third by that of Dr. Cushman, fourth Mr. Phillips. This swamp was probably the one east of the schoolhouse in district No. 1.

Israel Slate paid a visit in 1783 to his father's old acquaintances in Chatham, Ct. Among other places, he stopped at Gideon Hurlbert's, who had a "dozen children—three daughters, asked leave to keep company with Phoebe,—that was in March; agreed to go down again; went in November, stayed three or four days, agreed to marry her, asked leave, saw her again in December, and was married in February. I had a pine table, a pine chest and two old beds; no bedsteads. Moved in where I now live. Had no bedstead in here for some time." Mr. Israel Slate stated that during the Shays Rebellion, the principal government men in town were his father, Capt. Slate, Capt. Chapin and Esq. Newcomb; that Major Webster and Lieut. Andrews both had to get bonds. Jonathan Hale, Lieut. Ryther, Joseph Atherton were among the Shays men.

Jason Parmenter of Shay's Rebellion fame, expected to be hung, and it is said that the night before the appointed day for execution he spent in prayer. When his pardon was read to him at the gallows, he was so overcome that he fainted. He was a brother of Elias Parmenter of Gill.

In the Shay's Rebellion were:

Chapin, Caleb, Capt.	Nelson, Edward, from the District of
" Cyrenius.	Leyden.
Foster, Ezra.	Root, Ezekiel.
	Parmenter, Jason, Capt.



The following copy of a letter from John Burke, Jr., to his father may not be uninteresting.

BERNARDSTON, March 14, 1784.

*Honored father Sir* I Received your letter the ninth Instent which Informs me that you are well and that you want your horse and Some money in which I had a Very Good Opportunity to Send the horse and money by Mr. Seba Allen I Sent three Gines in Gold.

We are all well and in good helth the winter has been Very Surveer and we was Like to be Short out for hay and I had an Oppitunity to Sell the Old Oxen and I thought Best to let them go and took the money.

The New State man and Yorkers keep quareling yet One Spicer of this Town Sot out to goo to Guilford with a Yorker and the New State man well Lade the road and Shot Spicer through So that he Died in a few ouers So know more at present So I Remain your Son John Burke Jr.

TO MAJOR JOHN BURKE  
Boston.

This letter shows that at this date the spelling of the name Burke was with an e final. Up to this, the e was seldom used.

Concerning the tragedy referred to in the letter, Hall's History of Eastern Vermont states that Daniel Spicer of Bernardston, a young man of good repute, started to accompany David Goodenough of Guilford, to the latter town to visit the family of Goodenough, and that Goodenough was a "Yorker"; that they were stopped by soldiers and Spicer killed. A letter from Timothy Church, William White, Nathaniel Carpenter and Samuel Bixby, four refugees who had removed to Bernardston, was dated this town March 10, 1784, and by them sent to Gov. Clinton of New York, narrating the murder which occurred March 5, 1784. This letter was also printed in the Massachusetts Spy under date of April 8, 1784.

I am of the impression that Spicer was an inhabitant of that part of the town incorporated that year as the district of Leyden. Of his family nothing has been learned.

November 12, 1785, we find the first mention on record of a person being warned from town, notice being then served on Abraham Briggs. In 1797 was warned one Ross, stopping at Samuel Green's and the same year on one Hill "who resides in the house owned by Simeon Hall, lately deceased." January, 1790, there was warned

from town Nathaniel Curlice, negro of Providence, R. I., a labourer "who has lately come into town for the purpose of abiding therein and not having gained the town's consent therefor." No further mention is made of him upon the town records, but the suggestion comes that he may have been the "Nat the fiddler," who about 1800 lived on the present Institute grounds. This custom of warning people out of town had its origin in the fact that according to the then existing laws, no one so warned could ever become a town charge, nor were any discriminations made in the practice.

February 9, 1790, Stephen Webster, constable, presented a bill for

36 services,	2	8s.	od.
20 miles travel,		3.	4.
Total.	2	11s.	4d.

in discharge of this duty of warning persons from town. The list is appended as presenting evidence of the former residence of some of the older inhabitants:

Reuben Parmenter of Sudbury.  
 William Haws, a transient person.  
 Nathan Nichols of Connecticut.  
 Timothy Wilcox of Greenfield.  
 Benjamin Cook, a transient person.  
 Samuel Shattuck of Greenfield.  
 William Larking, a transient person.  
 Simeon Alger and Simeon Alger, Jr., both of Connecticut.  
 Moses Smith, a transient person.  
 Jephtha Green of Springfield.  
 Jonathan Hurlbert of So. Hadley.  
 Samuel James and Isaac Turner of Charlestown.  
 Oliver Newhall of Colrain.  
 David Town of Williamstown.  
 Captain John Brooks of Connecticut.  
 Parley Streeter of Guilford, Vt.  
 William Wise of New Haven, Ct.  
 Samuel Nichols of Greenfield.  
 Ebenezer Severance of Greenfield.  
 William and John Ritter of Luenburg, Worcester Co.  
 Levi Wells of Greenfield.  
 John Sanderson, a transient person.  
 Thomas Loveland of Greenfield.  
 John Evans and John Evans, Jr., transient persons.  
 Ephraim Edwards of Guilford, Vt.  
 George Morely of Glastenbury, Ct.

Noah Fox of Glastenbury, Ct.  
 William Brooks of Connecticut.  
 Jonathan Rich of Athol.  
 David Squires, a transient person.  
 Joseph Utter, late of Greenfield, labourer.  
 Joseph Wood, late of Greenfield, labourer.

The following town rate made March, 1787, John Burke Collector, gives approximately the names of the heads of families in Bernardston proper at that time :

Allen, Sem.	one poll.	Hale, Asahel.	one poll.
" Asaph, Dea.	two polls.	" Elijah.	" "
" Joseph.	one poll.	Kene, Reuben.	" "
Andrus, Nehemiah, Lt.	" "	Leach, Ephraim.	" "
Atwell, Oliver.	" "	Loveman, Thomas.	" "
Allen, Seba.	" "	Newcomb, Hezekiah.	two polls.
Alvord, Joseph.	" "	" William.	one poll.
Brown, Abraham.	" "	Pinks, John.	" "
Brooks, John, Capt.	two polls.	Rider, David, Lieut.	" "
Burk, John.	one poll.	" " Jr.	" "
Bell, John.	" "	Robbins, Lemuel.	" "
Cushman, P. Dr.	three polls.	Ritter, William.	" "
Chapin, Caleb, Capt.	one poll.	Root, Samuel.	" "
Couch, James.	" "	Slate, Joseph, Capt.	one-half poll.
Cunnabell, Saml. Jr.	" "	" Israel,	one poll.
Chapin, Zalmuna.	" "	Sheldon Remembrance.	
" Consider.	" "	Sanderson, John.	" "
Cunnabell, Saml.	" "	Sheldon, Elihu.	" "
Chapin, Dr.	" "	Smith, David.	" "
Evans, John.	two polls.	Stebbins, Joseph.	real estate.
Esen, Richard.	one poll.	Town, David.	one poll.
Euda, John.	" "	Wolley, Thomas.	" "
Fox, William.	" "	Webster, Stephen.	real estate.
" Noah.	" "	" " Jr.	one poll.
Foster, Elisha.	" "	Warner, Ichabod.	two polls.
Green, Benjamin, Jr.	" "	Wright, Thaddeus.	one poll.
Hale, Joseph.	" "	" George.	" "
" Jonathan.	" "	Wood, Samuel.	" "
" Chileab.	two polls.	Whetten, Robert.	real estate.
" John.	" "	Curlice, Nathaniel.	one poll.
" Widow Lucy.		Allen, Widow.	real estate.

Of several of these it has been impossible to obtain any further record. Presumably they may not have resided here for any great length of time.

At this time the unimproved land belonging to non-resident proprietors was as follows:

Joshua Fuller,	No. 75,	1st. division,	50 acres.
" "	" 28,	3rd.	" "
" "	" 173,	" "	" "
" "	" 187,	4th.	25 "
" "	" 14,	" "	25 "
Major Selah Barnard	" 197,	3rd.	20 "
Cook, Noah.	" 71,	" "	50 "
" "	" 45,	" "	50 "
" "	" 156,	" "	50 "
Belding, David.	" 25,	" "	50 "
" "	" 4,	4th.	25 "

May 12, 1788. "Voted to restrain rams from running at large from September first until the fifteenth day of November."

The first census taken in town was by Mr. David Saxton of Deerfield in 1790, in accordance with an order issued by the Government. At this time the population was 691 persons, the number of families 108. At that time Leyden contained 991 persons, just 300 more than the parent town. In 1800 the census was again taken. It then contained 780 persons, a gain of 89 in ten years. In 1830 it had increased to 945, and from that time to about 1875, the number fluctuated between that and 990. At no time has it quite reached 1000 inhabitants. It is now considerably less.

June 20, 1793. "Land on Hoosac Mountain was taxed one and a half penny an acre, to be paid in three months for the purpose of making a road across the grant."

March 17, 1795. "Moses Scott, Jr., carried the chain, his father being blind and confusing thereto."

March 23, 1796. A gentleman came to Boston from Vermont in a sleigh drawn by two *large dogs* owned by Dr. Cushman of Bernardston. They traveled upwards of forty-five miles daily, and the owner had been offered \$50 for them, an offer which he refused.—*Gazette*.

1798. "Voted to empower the selectmen to provide a pall cloth." This vote was evidently carried out, as a year later we find directions given that it be entrusted to the possession and care of Mrs. Levina Burke.

In the year 1798, there was so great a scarcity of grain that for many weeks—from February until the harvest—the people ate but very little bread, subsisting chiefly upon meat and potatoes.

Friday, February 26, 1802. "The dwelling house of Ichabod Warner was consumed by fire together with its contents. A quantity of flax had been placed in a room to dry, which took fire in the absence of the family and set the house in flames immediately. This is the second accident of the kind Mr. Warner has met with."

This house stood a few rods south of the present home of Mr. Albert Warner, in the south-east corner of the home lot. The cellar hole is still to be seen.

June 17, 1803. Friday. About 4 p. m. the inhabitants of the north-east part of the town experienced a most violent storm of rain attended with wind, hail, sharp flashes of lightning and tremendous thunder. The clouds rushed together from all quarters in confusion and the rain fell in torrents for about one half an hour. It then began to hail, which fell in such size and force as to destroy almost all the grain, fruit, grass and vegetables. The hail was adjudged to be half as big as hens' eggs. The farms of the late Deacon J. and T. Sheldon received greater injury from washing than by hail. Have not learned that the inhabitants suffered much by lightning, though it made its way into the top of a tree standing within three rods of Deacon J. Field's house, and taking the grane ran to the roots. A son of Mr. Field standing within 12 paces of this tree was knocked down but received inconsiderable injury. Remarkable.—*Gazette and Courier*.

In 1810 it was voted to "Vendue the Town Poor to the lowest bidder," the first mention made of such a proceeding.

In the north-east corner room of the Ryther house is a remarkable specimen of mural decoration which was applied about 1810 to 1815. A man came to town from parts unknown, doing the work in payment for board. He likewise painted the walls in a room of the old Aldrich house opposite the lime kiln site, now torn down, and a room in the Burk tavern. He was here, so far as can be learned, for some months. One day men arrived suddenly from the east part of the State of New York, some say from Albany, departing with this man as their prisoner, and it was always supposed that he was arrested as a spy, the War of 1812 being then in progress.

The design upon the Ryther house was painted free hand in



water colors, or something of a kindred nature, and in blocks or squares, each containing a spray of strawberries with leaves. At the top of the base boards is an arrangement of draped flags done in panel form. Over the fire board is an elaborate representation of Boston harbor with ships, and on the other half, of Boston common. To be appreciated it should be seen. The colors to-day are as fresh apparently, and the walls in as good a condition, as when the work was done nearly a century ago. The design in the old Aldrich house was similar, there cherries being combined with the strawberry patterns.

Bernardston was represented in the War of 1812 by

Chapin, Cyrenius.

" Gorham.

Aldrich, Hosea.

Guellow, David.

Newcomb, ———

" Charles Jarvis.

Newcomb, Samuel.

Nightengale, Ebenezer.

Ryther, Alpha, Clerk.

" Erastus.

Tryon, Elijah.

October 29, 1812. "Advertised in the Publick Prints of ye day. An Elephant show at Major Webster's Inn. Probably the only chance many will ever have of seeing this great natural curiosity."

May, 1813. "Died in town an Indian ae. about 35." [Unitarian church Rec.]

January 1, 1834. "During the 25 years preceeding, there has occurred 302 deaths in town."

#### "MAMMOTH TURNIP."

"An English Turnip was raifed in the garden of Joseph Conable of Bernardfton, in this county, meafuring 46 inches round the middle weighed thirty pounds with the tops attached to it; & when the tops were removed and the turnip wafhed, it weighed 23 pounds!!!!"—*Franklin Herald*, Tuesday, Nov. 12, 1816.

In 1816 the only place in town where any seed corn was raised was on the Samuel Wright place, at the north end of the Bald Mountain road. The next year his seed corn sold at a high price. The summer of 1816 is known locally as the cold summer. It is said that snow flew every month during that year.

On Tuesday, January 20, 1829, a man called at the inn of Henry W. Cushman, in Bernardston. He lodged there that night, and remained

about there the next day, and again lodged there Wednesday night. Thursday morning he was called to breakfast, but did not appear, and Mr. Cushman went to his room where he found him with his throat cut from ear to ear. He gasped two or three times after the room was entered, and expired. A coroner's inquest was held upon the body—verdict, Fel-o-de-se. The name of the person and his place of residence are unknown. There was nothing about him by which the jury could ascertain, either. His height was about five feet eight inches, his complexion light, brown hair, and he appeared to be about 40 years old. His dress was a black coat and pantaloons, striped vest, snuff colored frock coat, cowhide shoes, black fur hat, high crown. He came from the north on foot, with a small bundle done up in a striped cotton handkerchief. No money or papers were found upon him.—*Gazette and Herald*, Jan. 27, 1829.

In 1836 there were located in town "Two grist mills, four saw-mills, two carding machines and clothier's shops, one factory for making cotton-batting, one card-board factory, three stores, two 'Public Houses,' four churches, one high school, six district school-houses, one harness maker, several shoe-makers, one wagon-maker, one tannery, one scythe snath factory, two shingle machines, one cabinet maker, one blacksmith, three distilleries; about 160 dwellings."

Tuesday morning, June 10, 1856. "Mr. Israel Slate is 94 years old to-day. But four persons have lived in town to his age. James Couch, 99th year. Elijah Kingsley, the eldest, 100th year. Mehit-able Burk, (widow of Major John Burk), ae. 97 when she died. Major Burk's sister, Mrs. Remembrance Sheldon, ae. 97 years. Mrs. Burk was a little the oldest."

Originally the site of the present boarding house—Cushman Hall—and the land adjoining both south and east, was included in one large farm, bounded as at present on the north and west by roadways, one of which was spoken of as the "stage road to Dartmouth College," and the other as the "County road to North-field." On the north side of the latter road, the land was bare of buildings save, possibly, one log hut. The present Institute grounds, on the east side certainly, were covered with a dense growth of pines, whose tops stretched far upward toward the blue above, and whose roots were, many of them, submerged by the waters of the present pond, which then rose much higher than now. In 1760

there were but seven families living within the limits of District No. 2, the now central part of the village, and the growth of the town during the next thirty years was not sufficiently rapid to lead us to think that the inhabitants had any more than doubled during that time.

Between 1760 and 1762, there appears in town one Samuel Hastings. If not immediately, within a few years, probably, he purchased the large farm situated south of the so-called County Road, and during the next twenty-five years became quite a prominent man in town affairs. In 1813, being advanced in years, he sold his farm to his son, Rufus. About this time there must have been built upon the present boarding house site, a tannery, which, with the tanyard, occupied about a quarter of an acre, and which was excepted in the 12-acre tract which Rufus Hastings sold, in 1819, to Thomas Snow and Gamaliel Kingsley, who in turn sold it at a later date to the late Lieut. Gov. Cushman, by whom it was given to the town.

During these earlier years, the brook running through the park was not the placid little stream of the present, but was tumultuously hurrying along on its course to the pond which was then to be found west of the tanyard, forming two or three little water falls on its way. The outlet of this pond was into the meadow, or rather swamp land, south, as the present meadow land then was. This swamp was covered with a thick growth, largely alders, and was the favorite lurking place of the speckled beauties of the brook. People of an earlier generation would have told you that, in the days when "Gill pork" was in common use, it was no unusual sight to see the mothers of the families wending their way to the Fox brook, as it flowed on its course through the present park, and in the falls there firmly secure the salt-fish destined for the family dinner, returning in the morning for the fish then freshened.

At the tanyard a busy industry was carried on, and the tan vat proved tempting to the youth of the day, who then, as now, were full of the spirit of mischief, and at least one impromptu bath was taken therein, followed by an unexpected plunging into the pond conveniently situated near by, after which the dripping culprit was sent home to receive the maternal chidings.

The first building on the present Institute grounds was probably the log hut built there among the pines between the years 1790 and 1800. The first hint of the occupant of the same is found in the recorded action of the town relative to warning Nathaniel Curlice from town, January, 1790. The town had done its duty and no further town record of him do I find, but in the year 1800, or thereabouts, there appears in the hut among the pines, one who was familiarly termed "Nat the Fiddler," a negro whose services as fiddler were much sought for in the evening gatherings of the young men and maidens of the place. His daily occupation was a prosaic one. Turning his attention to the natural products of his home lot, the tar he produced from the pine trees we may presume to have rivaled the color of his face. Quite a little work did he in his line, but after a few years Nat, the fiddler, disappears, and the only thing we know of him further is contained in the record of death found in the Unitarian church book, under date of August 11, 1818, his age being given as 63 years.

This property on the north side of the County Road was originally a part of the farm of P. L. Cushman, the right which he purchased of Medad Pumroy. The present Institute site, after its occupancy by Nathaniel Curlice or "Nat the fiddler," was, in 1821, sold by Mr. Cushman to Theodore B. Hoyt. Mr. Cushman repurchased the place of Mr. Hoyt, and later sold to Mr. Obed Dickinson, the next owner of the land, and at the time of the building of the school house the site was purchased by Col. Ferry, John Sanderson and the town, the two gentlemen paying \$550 out of \$750.

The roll of those credited to Bernardston who served their country in the Civil strife:

"Albett, John.  
Aldrich, Dwight.  
" J. J.  
Bagg, Frederick L.  
Baldwin, Henry.  
Bartis, Dennis.  
Benjamin, Quartus W.  
Boyle, Charles A.  
Booter, Anson.

Briggs, R. C.  
Burt, Enos H.  
Butterfield, Z. A.  
Chase, L. P.  
Day, Josiah P.  
Drury, Mason.  
Fairman, D. L.  
" J. C.  
Field, Aaron W. Rev.

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Frizzell, C. O.	Palmer, William.
Gould, C. R.	Quinn, James.
Grout, L. B.	Reed, Dwight.
Hale, Francis D.	Scott, Charles T.
"    Fred.	"    Dwight R.
"    George E.	"    William.
"    Henry W.	Slate, Charles.
"    H. J.	"    Marshall.
"    James W.	"    J. S.
"    John Henry.	"    F. C.
"    Lorenzo.	"    Joseph.
"    Lucius Cushman.	Streeter, Henry O.
Haley, C. O.	Sheldon, Henry T.
"    John.	Streeter, L. B.
Harris, Charles C.	Sheldon, T. L.
Haskins, George W.	Sullivan, Bart.
"    A. L.	"    Michael.
Horton, Herbert G.	Temple, John W.
Huber, Charles.	Thompson, James M.
Hughes, George H.	"    George.
Hutchins, C. J.	"    W. A.
Hurlbert, Ebenezer H. Lt.	Thomas, I. L.
Johnson, A. N.	Thornily, George W.
Kingsley, A. W.	Vaile, Geoffrey.
Lachore, Edward.	Vanall, William.
Lyons, H. P.	Weatherhead, L. M.
Manning, John.	Walbridge, William H.
McClure, A. T.	Weeks, J. H.
Morrison, B. R.	Wells, George W.
Murphy, Hector.	Wheeler, D. H.
Nash, Joel N.	Woodrough, William.
Newton, E. C.	"    George W.
Newcomb, R. F.	Whitcomb, W. S.
Newell, David.	Willey, George A.
Oaks, William F.	Wolf, H. A.
Park, Dwight.	Thompson, A. T."
"    F. R.	

Of these it should be said that some were substitutes and from other places.

In Gov. Cushman's will is the following:—

"After the decease of my said wife, I order and direct that the sum of \$10,000 shall be paid to the first town in Massachusetts, of not less than one thousand inhabitants, which shall take and forever retain, by an act of incorporation, by competent authority, the corporate name of Cushman;



but the town of Bernardston may take said legacy as aforesaid, without having one thousand inhabitants; and if no town in Massachusetts shall take said legacy within five years after the decease of my said wife, then any town in the United States of not less than one thousand inhabitants, which shall comply with the conditions of this legacy by taking the name of Cushman, shall be entitled to receive the said sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and the interest that shall have accumulated thereon; said sum to be safely invested in General Government or State Stocks or Bonds, and the annual income and income only, shall be forever used by said town of Cushman for the maintenance and support of a High or Grammar School in said town."

Among the flourishing institutions of the days past there was in Bernardston a "Farmers' Club and Agricultural Library Association." This was a fully officered association, meeting weekly for discussion and study of the best methods in vogue as pertaining to farming. The members seem to have been enthusiastic, and to have enjoyed exceptional advantages in the way of having talented speakers and lecturers from those who stood high in the State as experts. It was in existence during the years 1859, '60, '61 and '62, surely, and the meetings were largely attended by the citizens and their wives.

Of an entirely different nature is the Bernardston Thief Detecting Society, which has now had an existence of 69 years. This is also a society firmly established on a business basis, and which has, as occasion presented, done efficient work within its sphere. Annual meetings are held, at which officers are elected and necessary business transacted, after which the time is given up to entertainment and sociability. The ladies are always present at these gatherings, and the annual meeting and supper of this society is one of the established social functions of the place.

The following is taken from Gov. Cushman's scrap book and may prove of interest. 1856:

"We learn from the Rochester, N. Y. Daily Union that two splendid locomotives recently placed on the Toledo (Ohio) Wabash and St. Louis R. R., of which road George H. Burrows of Bernardston is Supt. and John E. Carpenter of Bernardston is Paymaster, have been named the 'George H. Burrows,' and 'John E. Carpenter.' Two beautiful headlamps for these locomotives have recently been made at Rochester. Their immense re-

flectors are plated with gold over silver and copper, and the cases are handsomely painted and mounted with brass. On either side of the cases are portraits of the gentlemen whose names the locomotives bear of the size of life, and so accurate that those who know the original will have to take a second look or they may be deceived by the counterfeit. While the above gentlemen were connected with the Rochester and Niagara Falls R. R., they had sent to them daguerreotype likenesses of their fathers, Isaac Burrows and Dr. E. W. Carpenter of Bernardston. One night an unknown artist at Rochester got hold of the daguerreotypes, and before morning, painted them as large as life on the head lamp of the locomotive which was to take out the morning train. In the morning the engineer, Frank Burrows, another son of Isaac's, came out to start his machine and in passing the head of it was startled to see Dr. Carpenter staring at him. Upon going around to the other side, his father was seen looking down at him with a stern visage, upon which it is reported Frank was so startled that he took to his heels and it was some time before he could be convinced that they were nothing but painted likenesses of the above gentlemen."

An antique round topped window sash, now crammed into the gable end of a building at the cutlery works, belonging to E. S. Hurlbert, once shone resplendent behind the altar and sounding board of the Congregational church, while it stood near Rev. Mr. Rogers' homestead, occupied to-day by Irwin Barbar. When the church was taken down and its parts to some extent incorporated into the new church, Unitarian, erected during the pastorate of said Rogers, the old sash was discarded and reduced to less dignified service.—*Gazette and Courier*, Aug., 1900.

Aug. 15, 1881. Mr. George Wells, ae. 81 years, completed a copy of the old Proprietors' book, having expended two years upon the work. The copy was deposited in the P. V. M. A. rooms at Deerfield. The original is in the town's possession in Bernardston. The copy was made in accordance with a law passed, having in mind the preservation of old town records in more than one place, so that loss by fire would not obliterate the only existing record.

Concerning Mr. Isaac P. Morrison, who was a native of New Hampshire, and at one time kept the hotel here. At the breaking out of the Rebellion, he was a resident of Georgia, but sympathized strongly with the north. His union sentiments endangered his life there, and after many futile attempts, he succeeded in reaching the sea coast, where obtaining a skiff, he hazarded his own, his wife's and children's lives by boldly pushing out to sea. For seven

days they floated and rowed about, when they were picked up by a northern bound vessel. Mr. Morrison when rescued had worn the flesh from his hands by his constant endeavors to row to land farther north.

One of the residents of the town, Joseph Warner, died in 1883. There was always an air of mystery about him, and from the following provisions of his will it is not to be wondered at that he was not understood by his neighbors:

"First. My will is that whether I have one dollar or a million at my decease there must not one cent go to help along religious craft, that relic of barbarism that Kingcraft and Priestcraft have managed to keep the world in mental slavery enough to torture and put to death millions for their honest opinions.

Fourth. I direct that there must not be a bell struck at my death or burial, and no man or woman acting in the capacity of a priest is to have anything to do with the matter, but my executor is to lay me after death where my niece, Mary E. Kimball shall direct, provided she does not direct him to lay me in any cemetery in Bernardston.

Sixth. If at my death, after settling the provisions of this will there is any remainder, the interest of said remainder is to be used for the support of my wife, but not one cent for any religious purpose, and at her decease whether in the hands of my executor or my niece, M. E. Kimball, it is to be used to oppose that horrid old monster of Kingcraft and Priestcraft called Religion."

#### REMARKABLE LONGEVITY.

Died April 1, 1884, David Pratt, aged 103 years, 4 months, 1 day. He was born in Shutesbury, Mass., November 27, 1780; removed when a young man to Greenfield. He enlisted in the war of 1812, served his time in the Company of Captain Jeremiah Green of Guilford, Vt., and was honorably discharged. While in this service he took part in the battle of Plattsburg, also witnessed the naval "fight" between McDonough and Commodore Downey on Lake Champlain. He came back to Greenfield in 1813, and in 1814 married Lucinda Bertlett, who died in 1878. They had eight children. He had resided in Guilford, Vt., Leyden, and for the last years of his life, in Bernardston.

#### POSTMASTERS.

The first government postmaster in town was Dr. Gideon Ryther,

who had the office located in the south-east room of the house of the late William Eaton Ryther. Here it was kept for many years. Gov. Henry W. Cushman succeeded Dr. Ryther, and during his administration the office was moved to the Cushman hotel.

D. W. Temple was the next postmaster, his location being upon the present site of the Stratton store. He was postmaster for some time, 1861 being one of the years which he served.

By Dr. William M. Dwight it was kept in a building south of the Goodale Academy. He had it moved to the present location, the office building then being new.

For many years Mr. Israel Putnam of North Bernardston was postmaster, he driving to the village to attend to his duties.

He was succeeded by Mr. A. M. Stratton, and he in turn by Mr. Wells Bardwell, the present incumbent.

The town now has rural delivery, a convenience much appreciated by the patrons of the office.

In connection with the office should be mentioned the efficient service which was for so many years so faithfully rendered by Arnold Scott. Although blind, he for many years regularly made two trips daily through South street, and rarely did he make a mistake in the delivery of the mails. His service was rewarded by those whom he served so long and well.

At North Bernardston not far from 1850, the Government appointed Miss Lucy Cutler as postmistress, and as long as health permitted, she distributed the mails at her father's home. Upon her giving up the position, the office was transferred to the store kept by T. K. Horton, where it remained until the decrease in the amount of business caused its suspension.

The officials of a town are usually some of her representative men; the names of those who have been called upon to take charge of her affairs are, therefore, of both value and interest as showing who the prominent ones were, and to whom the present prosperity of the place is indebted for the former judicious management in municipal matters, while incidentally it gives a clew to whom were the inhabitants.

The first town meeting was held at the house of Lieut. Ebenezer



Sheldon, May 11, 1762. At this the selectmen chosen were John Burk, Moses Scott and Remembrance Sheldon.

Those since then have been

Zebulon Allen, Moses Scott, Remembrance Sheldon,	-	-	-	1763
John Burk, Zebulon Allen, Remembrance Sheldon,	-	-	-	1764
John Severance, Aaron Field, Amasa Sheldon,	-	-	-	1765
John Burk, Remembrance Sheldon, Zebulon Allen,	-	-	-	1766
John Burk, Ebenezer Sheldon, Sampson Howe,	-	-	-	1767
John Burk, Ebenezer Sheldon, Remembrance Sheldon,	-	-	-	1768
John Burk, James Couch, John Severance,	-	-	-	1769
John Burk, Aaron Field, John Severance,	-	-	-	1770
John Burk, Elijah Sheldon, Joel Chapin,	-	-	-	1771
John Burke, Elijah Sheldon, James Couch,	-	-	-	1772
John Burk, Samuel Hastings, Moses Scott,	-	-	-	1773
Elisha Burnham, Elijah Kingsley, Caleb Chapin,	-	-	-	1774
Elisha Burnham, David Rider, Ezekiel Foster,	-	-	-	1775
John Burk, Aaron Field, Jonathan Sheldon,	-	-	-	1776
John Burk, Elisha Burnham, Amasa Sheldon,	-	-	-	1777
Moses Scott, Ezekiel Foster, Samuel Hastings,	-	-	-	1778
Hezekiah Chapin, Hezekiah Newcomb, John Burk, Joseph Slate, James Couch,	-	-	-	1779
Aaron Field, Moses Scott, Elisha Burnham,	-	-	-	1780
Caleb Chapin, Samuel Guild, Daniel Loomis,	-	-	-	1781
Amasa Sheldon, Joseph Slate, Hezekiah Chapin, Jared Crandall,	-	-	-	1782
David Rider, Hezekiah Chapin, Alpheus Barstow, Hezekiah Newcomb, Charles Packer,	-	-	-	1783
Aaron Field, Reuben Shattuck, Zebulon Allen,	-	-	-	1784
Job Wright, Jonathan Sheldon, Zebulon Allen,	-	-	-	1785
Job Wright, Asaph Allen, Artemas Cushman,	-	-	-	1786
Job Wright, Joseph Slate, Hezekiah Newcomb,	-	-	-	1787
Elisha Burnham, Samuel Hastings, Artemas Cushman,	-	-	-	1788
Job Wright, Hezekiah Newcomb, Joseph Allen,	-	-	-	1789
Jonathan Sheldon, Artemas Cushman, Seba Allen,	-	-	-	1790
Jonathan Sheldon, Caleb Chapin, Jr., Seba Allen,	-	-	-	1791
Joseph Slate, Artemas Cushman, Seba Allen,	-	-	-	1792
Joseph Slate, Caleb Alvord, Seba Allen,	-	-	-	1793
Asaph Allen, Caleb Alvord, Samuel Hastings,	-	-	-	1794
Elias Parmenter, Caleb Alvord, Samuel Hastings,	-	-	-	1795
Elias Parmenter, Caleb Alvord, Seba Allen,	-	-	-	1796
David Severance, Prince Snow, Seba Allen,	-	-	-	1797
David Severance, Stephen Webster, Gideon Ryther,	-	-	-	1798-9
Samuel Hastings, Caleb Chapin, 2nd, Jonathan Allen,	-	-	-	1800
Thomas Hoseley, Gideon Ryther, David Severance,	-	-	-	1801
Samuel Flagg, Stephen Webster, David Severance,	-	-	-	1802
Samuel Flagg, Stephen Webster, Samuel Sykes, Jr.,	-	-	-	1803
Thomas Hoseley, Gideon Ryther, Jonathan Allen,	-	-	-	1804



Samuel Sykes, Jr., Gideon Ryther, David Severance,	-	-	-	1805-6
Samuel Sykes, Stephen Webster, Jonathan Allen,	-	-	-	1807
John Hamilton, Stephen Webster, Oliver Cooley,	-	-	-	1808
John Hamilton, Gideon Ryther, George Alexander,	-	-	-	1809
Samuel Root, P. L. Cushman, George Alexander,	-	-	-	1810
Samuel Root, S. Webster, Ezra Purple, Jr.,	-	-	-	1811
John Hamilton, Samuel Green, Ezra Purple, Jr.,	-	-	-	1812
John Hamilton, S. Webster, Jonathan Allen,	-	-	-	1813
John Hamilton, S. Webster, Socrates Sheldon,	-	-	-	1814
John Hamilton, Job Goodale, David Dennison,	-	-	-	1815
John Hamilton, Jonathan Allen, P. L. Cushman,	-	-	-	1816
P. L. Cushman, Jonathan Allen, Rufus Hastings,	-	-	-	1817
Job Goodale, Ralph Cushman, Orra Sheldon,	-	-	-	1818
Jonathan Allen, Hatsel Purple, George Parmenter,	-	-	-	1819
Jonathan Allen, Hatsel Purple, John Hamilton,	-	-	-	1820
Jonathan Allen, Hatsel Purple, Oliver Root,	-	-	-	1821
Pliney Warner, Hatsel Purple, John Hamilton,	-	-	-	1822
George Parmenter, Joseph Connable, John Hamilton,	-	-	-	1823
George Parmenter, Joseph Connable, Z. C. Newcomb,	-	-	-	1824
Hatsel Purple, Elizur Chamberlain, Samuel Root,	-	-	-	1825
Hatsel Purple, Elizur Chamberlain, Jonathan Allen,	-	-	-	1826-28
Hatsel Purple, Isaac Burrows, Joseph Slate,	-	-	-	1829
Oliver Root, Isaac Burrows, Adolphus Hale,	-	-	-	1830
Ralph Cushman, Isaac Burrows, Hatsel Purple,	-	-	-	1831
Ralph Cushman, Isaac Burrows, Adolphus Hale,	-	-	-	1832
Oliver Root, Joseph Slate, Rufus Chase,	-	-	-	1833
Oliver Root, Adolphus Hale, Rufus Chase,	-	-	-	1834
Isaac Burrows, Adolphus Hale, Rufus Chase,	-	-	-	1835-37
Ralph Cushman, Adolphus Hale, Joseph Slate,	-	-	-	1838
Luke Gore, Adolphus Hale, Isaac Burrows,	-	-	-	1839
Otis Warner, Adolphus Hale, S. B. Slate,	-	-	-	1840
Otis Warner, Adolphus Hale, Isaac Burrows,	-	-	-	1841
A. E. Parmenter, A. Hale, D. W. Temple,	-	-	-	1842
A. E. Parmenter, Isaac Burrows, D. W. Temple,	-	-	-	1843
A. E. Parmenter, A. R. Kingsley, John E. Burk,	-	-	-	1844
D. W. Temple, Rufus Chase, John E. Burk,	-	-	-	1845
D. W. Temple, John S. Allen, John E. Burk,	-	-	-	1846
D. W. Temple, John S. Allen, A. E. Parmenter,	-	-	-	1847
D. W. Temple, Isaac Burrows, Richard Montague,	-	-	-	1848
John E. Burk, Samuel I. Green, Ed. H. Snow,	-	-	-	1849-51
John E. Burk, Joel N. Dewey, L. H. Sprague,	-	-	-	1852
D. W. Temple, Israel P. Hale, R. R. Park,	-	-	-	1853
D. W. Temple, Israel P. Hale, S. B. Slate,	-	-	-	1854
S. B. Slate, Israel P. Hale, Zenas Cutler,	-	-	-	1855-56
S. B. Slate, S. J. Lyons, I. K. Brown,	-	-	-	1857
Marcus Chapin, P. L. Cushman, I. K. Brown,	-	-	-	1858-59

Lathrop Cushman, P. L. Cushman, Samuel J. Lyons,	-	-	-	1860
Imla K. Brown, P. L. Cushman, S. J. Lyons,	-	-	-	1861
J. M. Slate, P. L. Cushman, G. J. Green,	-	-	-	1862
J. M. Slate, P. L. Cushman, J. F. Hale,	-	-	-	1863
J. M. Slate, B. S. Burrows, J. F. Hale,	-	-	-	1864
H. B. Butler, B. S. Burrows, J. F. Hale,	-	-	-	1865
H. B. Butler, R. H. Hoyt, Henry O. Root,	-	-	-	1866
Almon Newcomb, R. H. Hoyt, Henry O. Root,	-	-	-	1867-72
E. S. Hurlbert, S. H. Atherton, H. O. Root,	-	-	-	1872-78
E. S. Hurlbert, C. R. Hills, H. O. Root,	-	-	-	1878
H. O. Root, E. S. Hurlbert, C. R. Hills,	-	-	-	1879-81
H. O. Root, E. S. Hurlbert, A. B. Warner,	-	-	-	1882-83
R. L. Crowell, C. R. Hills, John B. Field,	-	-	-	1884-85
H. O. Root, John B. Field, Myron L. Corbett,	-	-	-	1886
A. M. Stratton, Myron L. Corbett, L. H. Gould,	-	-	-	1887-89
O. W. Gray, Myron L. Corbett, E. L. Field,	-	-	-	1890-91
Edwin B. Hale, Charles Bowker, Myron L. Corbett,	-	-	-	1892-93
Charles Bowker, E. B. Hale, Willis A. Stratton,	-	-	-	1894
Charles Bowker, E. B. Hale, A. S. Atherton,	-	-	-	1895
E. B. Hale, M. L. Corbett, J. W. Chapin,	-	-	-	1896-97
M. L. Corbett, E. B. Hale, E. C. Martindale,	-	-	-	1898
E. C. Martindale, E. B. Hale, L. Dwight Slate,	-	-	-	1899-01

In very many instances, if not at all time, the selectmen have also assumed the duties of overseers of the poor, and assessors.

The town clerks have been :

Major John Burk,	1763-1785	Ralph Cushman,	1822
Job Wright,	1785-1788	Jonathan Allen,	1823
Seba Allen,	1788-1790	Zebina C. Newcomb,	1824
Job Wright,	1790	Jonathan Allen,	1852
Seba Allen,	1791-1798	Ralph Cushman,	1826-1834
Gideon Ryther,	1798-1801	Henry W. Cushman,	1834-1853
Jonathan Allen,	1801	Silas N. Brooks,	1853-1872
Gideon Ryther,	1802-1810	S. J. Green,	1872-1877
Jonathan Allen,	1810-1813	Henry Slate,	1877-1893
Ralph Cushman,	1813-1819	Henry L. Crowell,	1893-1901
Jonathan Allen,	1819-1822		

Bernardston sent, in 1764, as her first representative to the General Court, Major John Burk. In 1784, Leyden was set off as a district, and in 1809, became a town. During the intervening years the two places joined in the choice of a representative. In 1857, Bernardston was incorporated as a part of District No. 1, and now the representatives are chosen from the towns in the district. Up

to this time, those who have gone to look after the town's interests in legislative halls, have been as follows :

John Burk.	P. L. Cushman.
Elisha Burnham.	Hatsel Purple.
Hezekiah Newcomb.	John Brooks.
Alpheus Barstow.	Jonathan Allen.
Caleb Alvard.	Henry W. Cushman.
Jonathan Budington.	Adolphus Hale.
Lemuel Foster.	D. W. Temple.
Gideon Ryther.	Isaac Burrows.
Stephen Webster.	John E. Burk.
George Alexander.	Samuel S. Wright.
John Hamilton.	E. S. Hurlbert.

Since its incorporation into District No. 1, the representatives from town have been for the District :

Pliney Fiske,	1858	Richard Hoyt,	1879
Silas Brooks,	1866	Dr. O. A. Wheeler,	1883
Almon Newcomb.		Myron L. Corbett,	1890





CUSHMAN PARK



## CHAPTER XII.

HOMES—PARK—PUBLIC BUILDINGS—CEMETERIES—TOWN FARM—  
CONCLUSION.

Already have we seen the care exercised over the education of the youth of the place. It remains for us to look for a moment at the homes of education, and not only by this expression is meant the schoolhouses, but as well, the homes from which the young people are sent out. In the different districts are seen comfortable wooden buildings, in good repair and of neat, attractive appearance, wherein are spent the hours set apart for education. They are furnished throughout with the needful appliances for the branches designed to be there taught, and are in keeping with the needs and means of the scholars and town. As we pass through the town on our way from one of these schoolhouses to another, we can but notice the universally neat and comfortable appearance of the homes. Good taste and a spirit of order is the rule, and from such homes, protected by all that quiet, Christian influence can suggest, do the young people go forth to their daily tasks. The schools and the homes alike are of a high order, and most creditable to the place. Thriftiness is plainly inscribed on all sides.

At the village is located the greater part of the town property. Near by the churches stand the library, the Institute and directly opposite the boarding house, Cushman Hall, and adjoining the latter, Cushman Park, a tract of land containing two and one-half acres. This land was bequeathed to the town by Henry W. Cushman and occupies the corner opposite the hotel. Much has already been done toward beautifying and improving this, and in time it is destined to become a most beautiful spot. In the spring of 1877 it was set over with trees of different kinds and the occasion was made a gala day. Conspicuous in the history of the day, was the setting of a circle of trees by eight men over 80 years of age, about one tree which was held by Mr. Israel Bagg, a man then in his 101st year. A most impressive sight was this, of the nine

oldest men in town thus gathered, their heads whitened by the frost of more than the allotted threescore and ten winters, their forms, many of them, bent and withered as if typical of what the young trees they planted might become after exposure to the elements for the number of years represented by the years of their lives. These gentlemen were as follows: David Pratt, *ae.* 97, Jesse Field, 85, Horace Atherton, 87, Lucius Chapin, 85, Joel Cutler, 82, Silas Fox, 81, Ruggles Bagg, 81.

The Fox brook, so called, runs through the park, and across it there are two neat bridges; paths have been opened, flower beds laid out, a well and well house and band stand constructed, and as the advancing years render the shade greater, and the improvements now made annually more pronounced, Cushman Park cannot but become a "Thing of beauty and of joy forever."

On the second lot east of the library stands the town hall, the one place of size sufficient to supply the needs of the town for a place of public gathering. It is a large two-story structure, provided with a large hall upstairs, and a smaller hall below; connected with the latter are dressing-rooms and kitchen, the whole combining to supply the wants of all. The present building was dedicated January 8, 1878. The old hall, which had done duty for so many years, was moved from the lot around the corner to a location north of the postoffice, and is now used as a dwelling house. Recently the town has built near this a brick fire proof vault for the better preservation of the records.

In the spring of 1901 a benefaction came to the town from Mrs. Abbie Burrows Coy (daughter of Isaac Burrows) of Little Rock, Ark. She offered a clock to cost \$600 to the town, provided a suitable tower should be built for its reception. This gift was gratefully accepted by the town, and measures taken to have the same placed within a tower to be placed upon the town hall.

The town has two cemeteries, the old and the new one. The former is situated about three-quarters of a mile north of the village, east of the river, on a gentle rise of land. It was laid out at the time of the town's settlement, or soon after, and it is said that Mr. Baily, the first blacksmith in town whose shop was within the



GROUP OF OLD MEN TAKEN AT THE TIME OF THE TREE PLANTING  
ON CUSHMAN PARK



walls of the Burk Fort, was the second man buried in this old cemetery. The interment took place in 1757. "A soldier was buried before him. Name unknown." [Lieut. Gov. Cushman.]

Dec. 2, 1776, the town voted to fence the burying ground; the posts were to be four and one-half feet high, and there were to be five rails to a length. At present there is no fence about the ground. The space originally allotted for the yard has nearly all been taken up, and many curious inscriptions are here decipherable. The stones are in a fair state of preservation, for the most part of slate, and probably the greater number of them were gotten out by the Chapins from their quarry.

In 1782 it was voted to purchase one-half acre of land of either Lieut. Daniel Newcomb or Selah Chapin for a burial place to accommodate those in the west part of the town, and this is the yard now known as the Beaver Meadow cemetery. The new cemetery, as the one at the village was designated, was laid out in 1826. Originally it contained one acre and three rods, and was divided into 110 lots measuring 25x7, feet with walks three feet in width. The tomb was built by the town in 1831, the proprietors of the yard giving five lots for that purpose. According to the constitution of the corporation, the association is called the "Proprietors of the Bernardston Cemetery Corporation." By purchase in recent years, the original size of the yard has been doubled. It is kept neatly fenced, and the income of \$1,000 bequeathed by Lieut. Gov. Cushman in 1863, is devoted to its care and improvement. Many handsome and expensive stones are here to be seen, and the owners of the lots all take a commendable pride in rendering the last resting place of departed friends as attractive as possible. Quite a number of bodies were removed here from the old cemetery when the present yard was laid out.

Let us now pay a short visit to these last earthly resting places of the dead. Do some shrink from entrance, thinking it a gruesome place, and that mournful, melancholy feelings are portended? Or, perchance, it may seem suggestive of morbidness of spirit. If so, pray you strive to banish the idea, and once within the portals, see if therein are not recorded "Thoughts which fix themselves deep in the heart, as meteor stones in earth, dropped from some higher



sphere." By any one who will enter an old yard reverently, and with a mind intent upon gaining some knowledge relative to those whose mortal remains are therein contained, how much may be learned! To a real lover of history such a place is always attractive. Many and curious inscriptions are found, and it is a noticeable fact that preceding generations were wont to place upon the stones inscriptions which should bear to the passerby either a vivid idea of the characteristics of the departed, or an admonition for better preparation for death. Inquiry among those remaining, has served to convince me that in the majority of cases, the epitaphs, seemingly crude and uncouth, or marked for their apparent inappropriateness, in reality reveal beneath the casual reading a hidden meaning indicative of the real life passed here. Such seems especially true of many to be found in the burying ground in our town, viewed in the light which the genealogical research expended has revealed. Whether our predecessors were governed by pedantic motives in their choice of inscriptions, or merely conformed to the custom of the times, we can only conjecture.

Not with irreverent feelings, then,—albeit there may be a strong appeal to our sense of the ludicrous at times—let us enter, nor yet with reluctance, but freely, with a desire to study, with all our mind concentrated upon supplementing the delineation of the character of those already referred to in these pages, by such grains of knowledge herein obtainable.

As we enter we read of a man who was one of the most prominent of his time in both civil and military affairs:

" Were I so tall to reach the pole,  
Or grasp the ocean with my span;  
I must be measured by my soul,—  
The mind's the standard of the man."

Concerning a good deacon of the place, likewise prominent in town matters, it is recorded:

"He possessed in an eminent degree the social, civil, and moral virtues; his religion was reason, his morality, benevolence and his political sentiments dictated by a love to his country. His talents were good, his manners engaging and his conversation a just mixture of manly sentiments and Attic Humour. His last moments were calm and serene and his exit, dignity in ruins."

Was one of the good dames of the town possessed of a shrewish disposition? Who shall say, when from the grave she says:

"My friends, remember my hard fortune, live in harmony, union and unanimity."

By the widow of one of our early settlers was composed the following:

"In justice to his character it may be said, If the profession and visible signs of religion and piety, together with the amiable virtues of sobriety, temperance, truth, economy and discretion, constitute a worthy character, we may place them to his credit."

"While at my calling as I wrought,  
By God's supreme decree  
Rapacious death rushed quick as thought  
And snatched my life from me."

The poetical part refers to the manner of demise, the man dying instantly while sitting, resting on his plow in the field.

The stone erected for the earliest physician bears the following:

"Vain censorious beings little know  
What they must soon experience below.  
Your lives are short, eternity is long,  
O think of death, prepare, and then begone.  
Thus art and nature, powers and charms,  
And drugs and receipts and forms  
Yield us at last to greedy worms,  
A despicable prey."

The tribute paid to the son of a worthy deacon of the place is in part in Latin:

"Quod cuique temporis adventum  
datur, es debet esse contentus,  
Breve enim tempus aetates fatis est,  
longum ad bene honesteque vivendum."

"Death's near approach with calmness thou couldst view;  
And cheerful bid life's many scenes adieu,  
And feel without a groan thy frame decay,  
And patient wait the glad expiring day.  
But while thy earth with native earth combines,  
Thy mind celestial seeks celestial climes  
Where nobler scenes unfold bright proof of poet's rise;  
And new born beauties charm thy ravished eyes."

Here is a stone simply marked "T. E." As it is near some erected for members of the Edwards family, we conjecture that this marks the resting place of another Edwards.

Upon the stone erected to a venerable captain, aged 83, we read :

“Tho’ age must die, youth also may.  
O then prepare without delay  
For death and for the judgment day.”

Turning again we encounter the grave of a worthy woman, wife of one of the early deacons of the place. The following exhortation appears :

“Mortals, attend for you must die  
And sleep in dust as well as I;  
Repent in time your souls to save.  
There’s no repentance in the grave.

Concerning another of Bernardston’s physicians the stone asserts that he “was born of wealthy and respectable parents at Hartford, Ct.”

One of the prosperous farmers of the place died in 1840. Read his epitaph!

“His hour had come and angels round him wait  
To take him to their glorious happy state  
Where free from sickness, death and every pain  
He does with God in endless pleasure reign.  
Transporting tho’t! dear partner now adieu!  
I feel no sorrow but to part with you:  
O thou, my comfort, thou’t, and only care,  
In these last words thy kindness I’ll declare.  
The time is short till we shall meet again  
With Christ to share the glories of his reign.”

Upon a stone placed at the grave of a son of the preceding, is this:

“The grave is near the cradle seen,  
How swift the moments pass between!  
Unthinking man, remember this,  
Though midst of sublunary bliss.”

The epitaph placed upon the stone of an aged person is as follows:

“Marbles and urns can never mark the spot where the soul is destined to dwell.”  
“To live and die is the lot of man.”

The headstone placed at the grave of the wife who died at the age of twenty-eight years asserts that:

“From sorrow, distress & pain, She soon ran her round of virtues, then

full of faith, devoted to God, She left us to mourn her early departure."

At the grave of an infant we read that

"When the archangles trump shall blow  
And souls to bodies join,  
Millions may wish their days below  
Had been as few as thine."

As we prepare to retrace our steps, yet one more attracts us:

"Hear O my friends the solemn call  
Death is pronounced upon you all,  
Be wise in time your state to see  
Before your called to follow me."

With this admonition ringing in our ears we depart, having taken but a hasty glance through the yard, picking out here and there a bit, and may we feel none the worse for having spent a half hour in the "city of the dead."

The town farm, or the charity farm as it is oftentimes called, is located on Bald Mountain and is the gift of Hon. Job Goodale, in accordance with the eighth item of his will, which reads as follows:

"I give and bequeath to the town of Bernardston a certain farm in said town which I bought of Hatsel Purple at auction called the Loomis Place, and of the heirs of the late Stephen Webster, containing about 100 acres also about one and one half acres which I bought of Saxton Kingsley adjoining the same, near the buildings. It is my will that the premises aforesaid shall belong to the town under the care and superintendence of the overseers of the poor for the time being, who shall appropriate and distribute the net income of the same annually among such industrious and deserving poor in said town as shall fall into sickness and distress as they shall judge proper without reference to religious sects or denominations."

Near the depot was a pretty grove, which was, in 1870, purchased by the Connecticut River Railroad Company and fitted up as a picnic ground. A considerable sum of money was expended, with the result that it in times past attracted large numbers of pleasure parties. In October, 1900, the timber in "The Grove," also the pavilion, was sold by the Boston and Maine railroad to Baxter P. Burrows, by whom the fine trees were felled.

To an unusual degree has our town been favored with gifts. The men of the generations past were, as has been seen, of sterling

integrity and modest worth, who, realizing from their personal youthful struggles the hardships which might beset the path of their successors, have sought to pave the way for all, by contributing generously from their accumulated wealth. As most enduring monuments to the names of some, do we see the Institute, Library, Cushman Hall and Park, the town farm, while to the religious societies much substantial aid has been rendered as noticed in that portion of the work devoted to the ecclesiastical history of the place. It is a fact worthy of note that wherever an old resident of the town is to be found to-day, and Bernardston's sons and daughters are scattered throughout the length and breadth of our grand United States, they all express unanimously their love and veneration for the place of their nativity, and their appreciation of the lessons inculcated by the lives of their progenitors.

"Brave men and faithful! It is not necessary that the present generation, now quietly reaping the fruit of your heroic endurance, should see eye to eye with you in respect to all your testimonies and beliefs, in order to recognize your claim to gratitude and admiration."

And those of the present generation! Do they not deserve a passing notice? Look for a moment into the colder north, the east with its bracing sea breezes, into the south where the balmy air is ever redolent with summer sweetness, or enter the portals of the far reaching west of our country, and can you find a section to which our town has not sent a representative? No! In all the various callings of life, useful and honored in their chosen vocations, filling a niche here, a corner there, with varying degrees of prominence in the religious or secular, social or political, professional or mercantile life, do these now resident in our beloved town look for and find those who are bound to them by the ties of early association or a close and abiding kinship.

And no less sincere and deep-rooted is the affection and loving remembrance entertained by these absent ones for those whose privilege it is to maintain the high standard which Bernardston has so long enjoyed. No merely idle assertion is this. Ample substantiation is found by the ever recurring visits to childhood scenes and in more than all else, the feeling that inspires the senti-



ment of so many that when their earthly lamps are extinguished and their spiritual lamps brightly burning, all which then remains of the body be committed to the dust of that town in which the eye was first opened upon the beautiful world of nature and of God. Could more silent, yet speaking, testimony be adduced!

Those now upon the stage of action, residents of our honored town! In their lives, in the quiet performance and conscientious discharge of daily recurring duty, in the self-denying, self-developing Christian lives, spent in perfect accordance with nature's handiwork and her manifold designs, can we not trace the spirit of those who have gone before, and who expended the best of their lives that the present might become what it is?

And in the generations to come will not this same latent, independent, noble and self-sacrificing motive prove dominant, so that, down the ages, those looking backward upon these annals shall be moved as by a common impulse to exclaim with one of our loved Massachusetts poets:

"Sternly faithful to duty, in peril and suffering and self-denial, they wrought out the noblest of historical epics on the rough soil of New England. They lived a truer poetry than Homer or Virgil wrote."







“TO TRACE LINEAGE, TO LOVE AND RECORD THE NAMES AND ACTIONS OF THOSE  
WITHOUT WHOM WE NEVER COULD HAVE BEEN, WHO MOULDED AND MADE  
US WHAT WE ARE, AND WHOM THE VERY GREATEST OF US ALL MUST  
KNOW TO HAVE PROPAGATED INFLUENCES INTO HIS BEING  
WHICH MUST SUBTLY BUT CERTAINLY ACT UPON HIS  
WHOLE CONDUCT IN THIS WORLD—ALL THIS  
IS IMPLIED IN ANCESTRY AND THE  
LOVE OF IT, AND IS NAT-  
URAL AND GOOD.”

*Moreover,*

“HE WHO DOES NOT TAKE AN INTEREST IN HIS  
ANCESTORS, DOES NOT DESERVE TO  
BE REMEMBERED BY HIS  
POSTERITY.”



## GENEALOGICAL REGISTER.

Herein will be found the genealogical record and biographical notices of those who first settled our town, also their descendants within reasonable limits, so far as it has been possible to obtain them. To these have been added the names of many who have in later years become prominently identified with town affairs. No work of this kind has ever been or ever can be published without errors or omissions, and it is too much to claim perfection for the work herein recorded, but all that painstaking inquiry and research can do to obviate omissions or errors has been patiently done and it is hoped that the result will bear the test of close scrutiny. Many visits have been made, town, church and family records examined at length and reconciled to each other, and a large correspondence entered into, in the attempt to embody a record which shall be correct.

The plan used by the New England Historical and Genealogical Society is the one here followed.

Succeeding a sketch of the heads of the families, will be found the names of children in the order of birth, so far as ascertained, numbered by Roman numerals. The figures preceding individual names indicate that the record is subsequently continued, and will be found later on, with the corresponding figures the starting point of a new family. If the information is limited, or the person leaves the family by marriage, or, in many cases, if they have removed from this locality, their record is given at once. The ancestors of each head of a family are given, enclosed in parentheses at the beginning of his family record, the generation of the same being indicated by the exponent figures.

The frequent repetition of common words such as born, married, died, baptized, etc., has led to the use of ordinary abbreviations. The interrogation is used to express doubt or uncertainty. Where no state is mentioned, Massachusetts is to be understood.

The biographical notices have been placed in this portion of the work, believing that not only is this their proper place, but also that their interspersion among the genealogical data will enhance the interest of that portion of the work, and incidentally enable the reader to more readily trace out the ancestral connection, than if placed in the first part of the volume.

## GENEALOGIES.

ADAMS, BENJAMIN, (Joseph of Hadley), came to town from Hadley in 1882, carrying on a lumber business, and it is a little remarkable that for one hundred and fifty years, his ancestors had engaged in a like business. He m. Luther Bangs, dau. of Charles H. Wheeler of Hardwick, in 1841. She d. Sept. 19, 1900. A few years before his death, Mr. Adams purchased the J. N. Dewey place, originally the Goodale Academy, which he made his home, as does now his son, Joseph H. He d. Mch. 19, 1900. They are buried in Bernardston. Children :

- i. JOSEPH H., b. in Hadley, in 1845, grad. Amherst Col., 1870; was for many years teacher in New York, afterward in the School of Technology, Brooklyn. Since residing in Bernardston he has been correspondent for the local papers. unm.
  - ii. CHARLES WHEELER, b. in Hadley, in 1848; resides in Putney, Vt., a lumber dealer.
1. ALDRICH, JOSEPH<sup>1</sup>, according to the records of the Proprietors' book, was of Guilford, Vt. Among the records of marriages returned by Elder Levi Hodge (Baptist) May 29, 1793, is that of Joseph Aldridge, of Guilford, Vt., and Tamar Hale. At this time Tamar Hale was a widow, her husband having been drowned at Turners Falls while fishing. Her maiden name was Scott; her husband's given name is unknown. She had sons by her first husband who either removed to, or at one time resided at Londonderry, N. H., whence they came to visit their mother and relatives in Bernardston. By the Proprietors' records, Joseph Aldrich and Tamer Hale were married Feb. 14, 1793, he then being 21 years, and she 38 years of age. She died June 5, 1823, at the age of 67 years. Mr. Aldrich m. (2) Anna,<sup>2</sup> dau. of Israel<sup>1</sup> Bagg of Bernardston. She died Aug. 8, 1847, ae. 69 years. He was born in

1763, and died May 15, 1850. He lived on the place now owned by George Parmenter on the old road to Northfield, about a mile east of the village. Children:

2. i. HOSEA<sup>2</sup>, b. Dec. 4, 1793, in Guilford, Vt.
  - ii. MOSES<sup>2</sup>, b. Oct. 22, 1795; m. Sept. 14, 1820, Lucy<sup>3</sup> dau. of Reuben<sup>2</sup> Park. She was b. Feb. 7, 1805. They rem. to Vernon, Vt., where he died. She afterwards went to St. Paul, Minn.
  - iii. RACHAEL<sup>2</sup>, b. Sept. 17, 1797; m. Loren<sup>3</sup> Hale of Gill, Nov. 11, 1819. She d. Oct. 21, 1869.
2. ALDRICH, HOSEA<sup>2</sup>, (Joseph<sup>1</sup>) b. Dec. 4, 1793, in Guilford, Vt., m.
- (1) Betsey<sup>3</sup>, dau. of Jonathan<sup>2</sup> Park, Sept. 7, 1815. She was b. Aug. 21, 1797, and d. Sept. 13, 1861; m. (2) April 15, 1864, Harriet Whiting of Northfield. She d. Nov. 19, 1864, ae. 52 years; m. (3) widow of John Potter of Gill; m. (4) ——— Streeter of Vernon, Vt. He died Apr. 25, 1881. He resided east of the iron bridge where the Huckle Hill road branches from the main road. Served in the war of 1812. Children:
  - i. RACHAEL ALMEDA<sup>3</sup>, b. May 30, 1816; m. Oct. 30, 1834, Asa C. Wheelock of Greenfield; res. Waltham.
  - ii. ASENATH PAMELA<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 27, 1818; m. Apr. 9, 1840, Warren Randall of Pelham; died in Springfield.
  - iii. CONSIDER<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 15, 1820; m. Mch. 18, 1846, Caroline, dau. of John Wells; rem. to Plymouth, New York State, where she died.
  - iv. TAMAR CLIMENA<sup>3</sup>, b. Jan. 21, 1823; m. (1) Aug. 17, 1843, Calvin Field of Leverett; m. (2) Henry Russell; died in Brooklyn, N. Y.
  - v. JONATHAN JOSEPH<sup>3</sup>, b. Jan. 12, 1825; m. June 6, 1847, (1) Lucy Arlin; m. (2) Emeline Weatherhead of Guilford, Vt.; res., Natural Bridge, N. Y. He was a vol. in the 37th Reg. Mass. Vol. for three years in the Civil War.
  - vi. MOSES<sup>3</sup>, b. Jan. 27, 1827; m. Nov. 26, 1850, Lurancy S.<sup>4</sup>, dau. of Oliver<sup>5</sup> Bagg. She was b. Dec. 31, 1825, and d. Feb. 16, 1888. He resides with his son about a mile north of the village on the place he purchased of Henry Park. The prior owners were George Tyler, Zebina Newcomb (who came into possession of the property through the Goodale estate) and Amasa Rogers. Is a farmer. Has: 1. Oliver Freemont<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 29, 1856; is unm.; resides with his father.

- vii. IRA<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 14, 1829; m. Aug. 21, 1853, a dau. of Abraham Miller of Southampton; resides in Holyoke.
- viii. PATIENCE<sup>3</sup> AURILLA, b. Dec. 12, 1834; m. Aug. 21, 1853, Dwight S. Elliott of Southampton.
- ix. ELVIRA MARY<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept. 18, 1836; m. (1) Nov. 6, 1864, Daniel Haney; (2) Edward Twiss; resides Northampton.
- x. LEWIS<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 14, 1838; d. Oct. 23, 1900, unm.
- xi. PHOEBE<sup>3</sup> MELINDA, b. Aug. 23, 1842; m. Horace Bartlett; res. Springfield.
1. ALDRICH, JOEL<sup>6</sup> (probably Peter<sup>6</sup>, Peter<sup>4</sup>, Peter<sup>3</sup>, Jacob<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup> from England) b. Feb. 11, 1796, in Guilford, Vt. It is supposed that there is a connection between this and the family of Joseph preceding on the Aldrich side. His mother was a sister of Joseph's wife, Tamar Scott Hale Aldrich. Joel m. (1) Feb. 15, 1818, Almeda<sup>9</sup> dau. Samuel<sup>2</sup> Hale of Gill. She was b. Feb. 22, 1794, and d. Nov. 11, 1850. He m. (2) Apr. 24, 1852, Mrs. Mary Ann<sup>7</sup>, widow of Joab Fairman, and dau. of Oliver<sup>6</sup> Sheldon. She died Feb. 10, 1862. He resided in the south-east part of the town; died Aug. 13, 1870. A farmer. Children:
- i. DIANA ALMEDA<sup>7</sup>, b. Jan. 22, 1819; m. May 30, 1840, Lorenzo C. Holton of Gill; d. Sept. 18, 1873.
- ii. LUSINA ANN<sup>7</sup>, b. Dec. 19, 1820; m. Nov. 16, 1843, William Woodruff of Northfield; she d. 1885. Resided nearly opposite Joel Aldrich's, near Gill line. He and his son George enlisted in Civil War and were both killed in battle of Petersburg. Other children were James and Joel, both of whom reside in Florida, a dau. who d. young, and Joseph who lives in Boston.
- iii. SAMUEL HALE<sup>7</sup>, b. Feb. 5, 1823; m. May 8, 1862, Martha A.<sup>8</sup>, dau. of Otis<sup>7</sup> Chapin. She was b. Oct. 17, 1834; he d. Mch. 21, 1892. His widow resides in East Bernardston. Had: 1. Otis<sup>8</sup> J., b. July 4, 1861; res. Milton. 2. George W.<sup>8</sup>, b. Oct. 24, 1864; res. Bern. on the home place. 3. Dwight Lyman<sup>8</sup>, b. Dec. 29, 1865; res. Bern. 4. Julia S.<sup>8</sup>, b. June; d. July 6, 1867. 5. Cora Bell<sup>8</sup>, b. May 24, 1868; m. — Sommers; res. Orange.
- iv. JULIA SALMIRA<sup>7</sup>, b. Dec. 30, 1825; m. Jan. 29, 1846, John B. Slate of Ware; res. Battle Creek, Mich.
- v. STEPHEN JOEL<sup>7</sup>, b. June 4, 1828; m. Jan. 24, 1853, Abigail B. Jones of Brattleboro, Vt. He died Oct. 6, 1867. She purchased in

- 1901, the Alvan Alexander place on South st. Had: 1. Emma J<sup>s</sup>. b. July 21, 1853; res. Bern. Unm. 2. Herbert J<sup>s</sup>. b. Dec. 21, 1854; d. Oct. 15, 1885, in North Adams. 3. Susie A<sup>s</sup>. b. July 22, 1856; d. July 2, 1877. 4. Minnie B<sup>s</sup>. b. July 2, 1858; m. (1) John Bemis, m. (2) Nelson W. Simons; res. Gill.
- vi. WILLARD LYMAN<sup>7</sup>, b. July 30, 1830; m. May 29, 1851, Salmira Jones of Brattleboro, Vt. He resides in Greenfield. Had: 1. Ella E<sup>s</sup>. b. Apr. 28, 1852; m. Dec. 21, 1870, Charles L. Frink of Greenfield; d. Feb., 1872. 2. Etta M<sup>s</sup>. b. July 4, 1854; m. Aug. 16, 1883, Lyman W. Cooley; res. Greenfield.
- vii. JAMES PROCTOR<sup>7</sup>, b. Nov. 12, 1832; m. in the West; resides now in West Northfield; has several children.
1. ALEXANDER GEORGE<sup>6</sup>, traces his ancestry through Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, George<sup>2</sup>, to John<sup>1</sup> who came to this country from Scotland, according to a family tradition, before the year 1644, and settled in Windsor, Ct. George<sup>6</sup> Alexander was b. May 26, 1769; m. (1) Feb. 14, 1795, Sophronia<sup>7</sup>, dau. of Dr. Polycarpus<sup>8</sup> Cushman of Bernardston. She was b. May 7, 1775; d. Aug. 3, 1814; m. (2) Apr. 13, 1815, Mary, dau. of Seth Lyman of Northfield. She was b. June 2, 1783. Mr. Alexander was a clothier by trade, residing on the "Green." He was ensign and lieutenant of a militia company in town; served as selectmen and assessor in 1809 and 1810, as representative in 1809 and 1812. He d. Oct. 12, 1829. Children:
- i. POLYCARPUS CUSHMAN<sup>7</sup>, b. May 7, 1802; m. Sophronia<sup>8</sup>, dau. of David<sup>5</sup> Severance Sept. 22, 1829; she d. May 6, 1844, ae. 39. He resided in the house north of the Institute. By trade, a machinist. "A highly intelligent and respected man;" d. November 1, 1870. Had: 1. Ralph Cushman<sup>8</sup>, b. Oct. 10, 1834; d. Sept. 7, 1835. 2. Seth S.<sup>8</sup> d. ae. 1 yr. 8 mos. 3. Loring C. m. and resides in Holyoke.
- ii. GEORGE AUSTIN<sup>7</sup>, b. Mch. 27, 1809; m. Tryphena<sup>8</sup>, dau. of Thomas L.<sup>2</sup> Edwards, Mch. 27, 1832. She was b. Jan. 29, 1815; d. Sept. 9, 1836. Mr. Alexander was by trade a brick-mason, residing on the Field place on Huckle Hill. His residence (1897) was Northfield. Had: 1. Sylvia Tryphena,<sup>8</sup> b. Mch. 19, 1834. 2. Maria Edwards<sup>8</sup>, b. Aug. 29, 1836; d. July 24, 1837. By second wife:







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- iii. SOPHRONIA C.<sup>7</sup>, b. Jan. 9, 1816; m. 1835, Stephen W. Kenney.
- iv. LUCY<sup>7</sup>, b. Oct. 4, 1817; d. Apr. 20, 1818.
- v. SETH LYMAN<sup>7</sup>, b. Jan. 11, 1819; d. in Erie, Pa., Mch. 27, 1851.
- vi. ELIAS<sup>7</sup>, b. Apr. 23, 1821.

"Luther Skinner of the family of Mr. Alexander, b. Jan. 13, 1801."

ALEXANDER, ALVAN<sup>1</sup>, b. 1807; m. Martha Houghton, who d. November 13, 1900. He came to this place from Brattleboro, Vt., locating on South street, where for many years he carried on the shoe-making business. He died Jan. 26, 1891. Children :

- i. MARTHA HENRIETTA<sup>2</sup>, b. Dec. 10, 1843; m. (1) July 5, 1865, Leroy M. Stearns of Readsboro, Vt.; m. (2) in 1876, Walter Gould; res. Minneapolis, Minn.

ALFORD, ALONZO A., was born near Burlington, Vt.; was for many years a resident in Brooklyn, N. Y. Upon his removal to Bernardston he purchased and refitted the place formerly owned by N. S. Cutler, and earlier by S. N. Brooks and his father, Dr. John Brooks. This is now known as Cedar Lawn. He m. Feb. 1, 1860, Chloe Cornelia<sup>6</sup>, dau. of Dea. Henry<sup>6</sup> Slate. She was b. Feb. 18, 1842. She has been and is a prominent worker in charitable and temperance societies, she was president of the Non-Partisan National Branch of the W. C. T. U. Mr. Alford is interested in the civil affairs of the place, and a member of the firm of E. S. Hurlbert & Co. No children.

ALGER, JAMES, b. about 1760. The dates of birth would indicate that he and Roger might both have been brothers of Simeon mentioned below. He enlisted for Revolutionary service November 14, 1776, at which time his residence was given as Fall Town, ac. 21 years. His term of enlistment was "during the War." He seems to have been in various commands, serving as private; he also "reported on command with sappers and miners." He was twice recorded as having deserted, the first time being gone two, and the second, six months. He enlisted into the Continental army from Capt. Amasa Sheldon's company.

ALGER, ROGER, b. about 1758-9; residence Bernardston; enlisted for the town of Hadley May 28, 1777; term of enlistment, three years; ae. 27 years. His record likewise reads "Deserted July, 1779."

ALGER SIMEON, b. 1762. In 1790 there was warned from town Simeon Alger and Simeon Jr., both from Connecticut. He lived northeast of the Torrey farm, at the end of a now abandoned road. This location was east of Dry Brook; died Aug. 4, 1822, ae. 60. A Lucinda Alger was pub. to Jona. Shndrefs of Northfield, June 14, 1801, probably of this family. Among the children of the family was:

- i. SIMEON<sup>2</sup>, JR.
- ii. ROXY<sup>2</sup>, who m. Horace Thompson.
- iii. REUBEN<sup>2</sup>, b. 1787; m. Mch. 24, 1810, Rhoda Allen of Greenfield. She d. in Vernon, Vt., Nov. 22, 1853, ae. 68 years. He died Jan. 1, 1849, ae. 62. He resided on Huckle Hill. A daughter Alice<sup>3</sup>, m. Israel<sup>1</sup> Bagg.

1. ALLEN, JOSEPH<sup>1</sup>, Sgt., (Benjamin,<sup>2</sup> Edward<sup>1</sup>, a weaver of Ipswich, Mass., in 1658. According to a family tradition, came from Scotland, where he was a soldier under Cromwell, upon the Restoration, and was probably one of the first settlers in Suffield, Ct.) was b. in Suffield, Ct., 1701; removed to Bernardston in 1757 or 1759 from Deerfield, settling on place later known as Dalton Newcomb place, now owned by W. Wight. He m. Apr. 24, 1727, Hannah, dau. of Capt. Joseph and Hannah (Arms) Clesson. She was b. at Deerfield, July 5, 1705, and d. at Bern. May 13, 1790. Sgt. Allen became a prominent man in town, holding a number of town offices. He d. in Bern. July 17, 1785, and is buried in the old cemetery. Children:

2. i. ZEBULON<sup>1</sup>, b. Oct. or Nov. 22, 1727, at Deerfield.
- ii. SIMEON<sup>1</sup>, b. 1728, at Deerfield, where he died in infancy.
- iii. SEM<sup>1</sup>, b. Feb. 9, 1730-1; d. July 24, 1754.
- iv. MARY<sup>1</sup>, b. Nov. 5, 1732; d. of the "Throat Distemper," May 15, 1744, ae. 11 years.
- v. SEBA<sup>1</sup>, b. Sept. 16, 1736; d. May 20, 1744.

- vi. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, b. Mch. 14, 1739-40; d. Apr. 30, 1744.
- vii. ASAPH<sup>4</sup>, b. Sept. 16, 1742; d. June 24, 1744.
- viii. MARAH<sup>4</sup>, b. June 12, 1747; d. June 30, 1747.

The fifth, sixth and seventh children died at about the same time as their sister, Mary, and of the same disease.

2. ALLEN ZEBULON<sup>4</sup>, (Sgt. Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>), b. at Deerfield, Oct. or Nov. 22, 1727; m. Nov. 21, 1751, by Rev. Jona. Ashley to Freedom Cooley of Sunderland. She was born at Sunderland, Mch. 12, 1734, and died at her son Simeon's in Leyden, Sept. 16, 1801. Mr. Allen probably came to Bernardston about 1756, and as did his father, made his home on the present Wight place near the railroad crossing. He was always prominently connected with military affairs, serving as corporal and lieutenant in the French and Indian War of 1755-8. Oct. 19, 1756, to Jan. 23, 1757, he was stationed at Colrain in Capt. Israel William's regiment, about which time he saw much service in scouting in the westward. Earlier, from Dec. 11, 1755, to Oct. 18, 1756, he was sentinel. His name appears on John Burk's enlistment roll ending Nov. 30, 1758, at which time he held the rank of sergeant. He was engaged in several sharp skirmishes, among others, Hobbs Fight, and at which one of the Indians, Sackett, boasted that he "knew old Zeb Allen and that he had killed him at the first shot," but the truth of this statement Mr. Allen's safe return to town disproved. He took his part in the civil affairs of the day, serving for the years 1763, 1764, 1784, as selectman. Was also one of the early school teachers of the place. (See *ante* 228.) He died at Bernardston, Feb. 15, 1786. Children:

3. i. ASAPH<sup>5</sup>, b. in the fort at Deerfield Oct. 22, 1752. (T. R.)
4. ii. SIMEON<sup>5</sup>, b. Apr. 6, 1755.
5. iii. JOSEPH<sup>5</sup>, b. in Burk Fort, Mch. 29, 1757.
6. iv. SEBA<sup>5</sup>, b. in Bern. Aug. 16, 1759.
  - v. MARY<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 2, 1762; m. Thaddeus Wright of Waterbury, Vt. where she d. Mch. 5, 1801.
7. vi. JONATHAN<sup>5</sup>, b. Apr. 20, 1766.
8. vii. SAMUEL CLESSON<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 5, 1772.



- viii. ELECTA<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 26, 1775; she d. at Derry, N. H., at her dau. Mrs. Ordways. She m. Dec. 21, 1797, Ellsworth, son of Capt. Hunt and brother of Samuel C. Allen's second wife. They had two children.
3. ALLEN, ASAPH<sup>6</sup>, Deacon, (Zebulon<sup>4</sup>, Sgt. Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>,) b. in the fort at Deerfield, Oct. 22, 1752; m. about 1773 or 1774, Persis<sup>6</sup>, dau. of Remembrance<sup>5</sup> Sheldon of Bern. She was b. in Bern. in 1757, and d. Feb. 13, 1852. Mr. Allen served in the Revolution, going out as corporal in Capt. A. Wells' Co. vol., Saml. William's reg., which marched Apr. 20, 1775; service 10 days, and again as first corporal May 1, 1775, in Capt. Agrippa Wells' Co., Col. Whitcomb's regiment; was discharged Sept. 23, 1775; the latter part of his life he drew a pension. Served 1786 and 1794 as selectman and town treasurer. In Feb., 1795, he removed to Waterbury, Vt., where he died Mch. 19, 1841. He was a man much respected, and for many years officiated as deacon in the church, being first appointed to that office in Bern. when 19 years old. His children were, most of them, born in Bern., and their births are there recorded. Children:
- i. ROXANNA<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 10, 1778; m. Mch. 25, 1795, Jared George of Greenfield. The next year they rem. to Vt., where they died.
  - ii. ZEBULON<sup>6</sup>, b. May 9, 1780.
  - iii. SOPHIA<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 26, 1781; d. May 23, 1783.
  - iv. SOPHIA<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 20, 1783; m. David Harrington of Vt.
  - v. ELIAKIM<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 24, 1785; m. and had seven children.
  - vi. ASAPH, Jr<sup>6</sup>, b. Mch. 13, 1788; was twice m.; rem. to Ohio.
  - vii. HORIS, b. July 3, 1790; d. Jan. 15, 1791.
  - viii. HORACE<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 15, 1792; m. and resided in Waterbury, Vt.
  - ix. CHARLES S<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 24, 1795; m. and resided in Waterbury, Vt.
  - x. PERSIS<sup>6</sup>, b. July 2, 1797, in Waterbury; m.
  - xi. SEBA<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 16, 1801, in Waterbury.
4. ALLEN, SIMEON<sup>6</sup>, (Zebulon<sup>4</sup>, Sgt. Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>,) b. Apr. 6, 1755; m. Experience<sup>6</sup>, sister of Ner<sup>6</sup> and dau. of Joshua<sup>5</sup> Wells of Leyden, where he d. in 1819. He probably lived in or near Beaver Meadow, at a place near the point of intersection of the town lines of Guilford, Leyden and Ber-

nardston. Served in the Revolution, going out as private in Capt. Agrippa Wells' Co., Col. Saml. William's regiment. Children:

- i. MARTHA<sup>6</sup>, b. Sept. 14, 1775; m. Seba Dean of Guilford, Vt; rem. to Windhall, Vt., where they both died.
- ii. ERASTUS<sup>6</sup>, b. Nov. 2, 1777; emigrated to New York State where he m. Paulina Wilder and had a family.
9. iii. SOLOMON<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan. 5, 1780.
- iv. EXPERIENCE<sup>6</sup>, b. Nov. 3, 1783; m. Socrates<sup>7</sup> Sheldon of Leyden.
10. v. SIMEON<sup>6</sup>, b. Oct. 1, 1786.
- vi. OZIAS<sup>6</sup>, b. Mch. 5, 1791; d. unm. in the U. S. Army about 1814.

5. ALLEN, JOSEPH<sup>3</sup>, (Zebulon<sup>4</sup>, Sgt. Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>), b. in Burk Fort, Mch. 29, 1757. He m. (1) Eunice ———. She d. Feb. 6, 1808, ae. 47; he m. (2) Anna Sophronia, widow of Joseph Smith in 1814. She d. Jan. 14, 1818, ae. 58. Mr. Allen was in the battle of Bunker Hill, and enlisted again for one year, Jan., 1776, under Capt. Thomas Alexander. For many years he received a pension; was selectman in 1789. He d. Dec. 28, 1828; he lived on Huckle Hill. Children:

- i. ROBERT<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 13, 1781; d. July 8, 1803.
- ii. RICHARD WILLARD<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan. 22, 1783; d.
- iii. DOROTHY<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 4, 1785.
- iv. EDWARD<sup>6</sup>, b. May. 1, 1787.
- v. EUNICE<sup>6</sup>, b. Mch. 15, 1790.
- vi. ELECTA<sup>6</sup>, b. Oct. 12, 1792.
- vii. JOSEPH<sup>6</sup>, b. Sept. 16, 1795; d. Dec. 28, 1805.
- viii. ROXANNA<sup>6</sup>, b. July 20, 1798; m. Caleb<sup>7</sup> Chapin, Dec. 10, 1816; she d. Jan. 14, 1866.
- ix. CHARLES<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 3, 1801.

6. ALLEN, SEBA<sup>4</sup>, (Zebulon<sup>4</sup>, Sgt. Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 16, 1759; he m. Joanna<sup>4</sup>, dau. of Aaron<sup>4</sup> Field in Aug., 1786. He died July 10, 1798, and she m. (2) Salmon Clapp of Montague. Mr. Allen was town clerk nine years, selectman and assessor five years. Had:

- i. CLYMENE EMIRANSA<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 20, 1786; d. Sept. 11, 1802, ae. 16.
7. ALLEN, JONATHAN<sup>4</sup>, (Zebulon<sup>4</sup>, Sgt. Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>),

b. Apr. 20, 1766; he m. (1) Chloe<sup>6</sup>, dau. of Moses<sup>6</sup> Bascom of Gill, May 18, 1788. She was b. July 18, 1770. d. May 2, 1815; m. (2) Betsey<sup>6</sup>, dau. of Joseph<sup>6</sup> Bascom of Greenfield, to whom he was published May 10, 1817. She was b. Mch. 30, 1792; d. in New Haven, Ct., Nov. 4, 1865. Mr. Allen was prominent locally, being justice of the peace, for eight years town clerk, eleven years selectman and assessor, three years representative to the General Court; also held many minor offices. He was one of the committee elected to revise the Constitution of the State about 1836 or 37. In earlier life he lived in a house now gone, on the south side of the road leading west to Frizzell Hill, just beyond Mill Brook. Later his home was the old "Tavern stand," the site of the present E. C. and E. D. Hale place. His final home was on the farm occupied by the late Frederick Chapin, now by R. Harris. His trade was making grave stones: it is said that he made his own stone. He died Aug. 28, 1836. Children:

- i. ALFRED BASCOM<sup>6</sup>, b. June 5, 1789; m. Vilate<sup>7</sup>, dau. of Capt. Artemas<sup>6</sup> Cushman, Dec. 22, 1811. She was b. Mch. 30, 1791; resided Colchester, Vt.; d. July 25, 1872.
- ii. AURELLIA<sup>6</sup>, b. Nov. 17, 1791; d. June 12, 1794.
- iii. LEWIS CAPET<sup>6</sup>, b. May 20, 1793; m. Mary D. Hoyt of New York City, Aug. 12, 1833; resided Stratford, Ct.; d. Oct. 29, 1873.
- iv. CHARLES JARVIS<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 6, 1795; m. Maria Bliss of Northampton, May 29, 1816; resided New Haven, Ct., where he d. November 21, 1882.
- v. GEORGE ANSON<sup>6</sup>, b. May 17, 1797; m. Chloe<sup>7</sup> dau. Capt. Artemas<sup>6</sup> Cushman, May 26, 1818. He d. in Burlington, Vt., where they resided, Sept. 4, 1846. She d. there July 30, 1832; was b. May 30, 1793.
- vi. PATRICK WELLS<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 4, 1800; d. Aug. 26, 1819, in New Haven, Ct.
- II. vii. FREDERICK ELLSWORTH HUNT<sup>6</sup>, b. Oct. 1, 1801.
- viii. ALBERT G.<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 28, 1804; d. Oct. 17, 1834, on a boat on the Ohio River.
- ix. HARRIET CHLOE<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 4, 1805; m. Joel Spaulding then of Greenfield, Oct. 3, 1830; he d. in Watertown, N. Y., in 1858; she d. Dec. 5, 1886.



JONATHAN ALLEN.

The original portrait was painted in 1832.





- x. CLYMENE SOPHRONIA<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 25, 1807; m. Levi Gilbert of New Haven, Ct., Oct. 4, 1830. Mr. Gilbert was a member of the Legislature and of the Common Council. She d. Jan., 1892.
- xi. JONATHAN COOLEY<sup>6</sup>, b. July 24, 1812; d. at Columbus, Ga., September 11, 1833.

By second wife:

- xii. PAUL JONES<sup>6</sup>, b. Nov. 10, 1826; m. Sarah R., dau. of William Boyle of Bern., May 13, 1851. At the breaking out of the Rebellion he enlisted in the Conn. vol. for three years, and participated in the battle of Fredericksburg. He lived for many years in New Haven, Ct.; is now resident of Bernardston on South st., on place he purchased of Silas Brooks in 1867. Had: 1. Lizzie<sup>7</sup>, b. Feb. 2, 1854; d. young. 2. Sarah Louise<sup>7</sup>, b. Nov. 5, 1859; m. Frank O.<sup>9</sup> Root of Bern., Dec. 8, 1885; resides in Rochester, N. Y. 3. Grace Eliza<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 15, 1861; m. Charles Barber Dec. 19, 1883.

8. ALLEN, SAMUEL CLESSON<sup>5</sup>, (Zebulon<sup>4</sup>, Sgt. Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>.) b. Jan. 5, 1772; m. (1) Sarah<sup>7</sup>, dau. of Hezekiah<sup>6</sup> Newcomb of Bern. She was b. Aug. 8, 1774; d. Jan. 22, 1797; m. (2) Apr. 10, 1797, Mary, dau. of Elisha or Capt. Samuel Hunt. She d. Feb. 13, 1833, ae. 58; m. (3) Aug., 1841, Rosannah Smith, widow of Abner Ferry of Granby. She d. in Princeton, Ill., June 9, 1867, ae. 83. "Mr. Allen was a man of active habit and a vigorous intellect and his opinions had great weight in the part of the country to which he belonged." He was a clergyman and lawyer, a graduate of Dartmouth College in 1794; representative, 1806-10; State Senator, 1812-15; member of Congress, 1817-29; executive councilor, 1829-30; again Senator in 1831; resided, New Salem, Greenfield and Northfield, at the latter place "Bennett's Meadows." He d. Feb. 8, 1842. Children:

- i. SAMUEL CLESSON<sup>6</sup>, b. in Bern., Sept. 11, 1793.
- ii. JOSEPH PRIESTLY<sup>6</sup>, b. May 3, 1795; d. at Troy, N. Y., 1838.
- iii. INFANT<sup>6</sup>, b. and d. Jan. 1. 1797.

By second wife:

- iv. MARTHA HUNT<sup>6</sup>, b. Apr. 28, 1798; m. Oct. 23, 1817, David A. Gregg.

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- v. JAMES BOWDOIN<sup>6</sup>, (twin) b. Dec. 26, 1799; d. at Saginaw, Mich., U. S. military station, Aug. 21, 1823, unm., a lieutenant in U. S. Army.
  - vi. JOHN JAY<sup>6</sup>, b. also Dec. 26, 1799; (twin) d. at Bennetts Meadow, Nov. 15, 1857.
  - vii. ZEBULON<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan. 6, 1802; m. Martha, dau. Luther Holton, 1838, resided Northfield, (Bennetts Meadows). Had: 1. Fannie, m. 2. Fred Z., m. Hicks of Greenfield; resides on the home farm. 3. Lillian, m. ——— of Westfield.
  - viii. ELISHA HUNT<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan. 28, 1804; rem. to the Sandwich Islands, where he was made chief justice in 1863.
  - ix. FREDERICK HUNT<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 3, 1806; m. Harriet, dau. of Oliver Cooley and widow of Jackson Dickinson of Deerfield.
  - x. DWIGHT<sup>6</sup>, b. Mch. 20, 1808; d. Jan. 24, 1891; was judge of the Supreme Court.
  - xi. SARAH NEWCOMB<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 8, 1810; m. Feb. 6, 1834, Hon. Joseph Appleton of Bangor, Me.
  - xii. MARY LYMAN<sup>6</sup>, b. Apr. 8, 1812; d. unm. July 2, 1868.
  - xiii. ARTHUR<sup>6</sup>, b. Sept. 7, 1814.
  - xiv. EDWARD<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 5, 1818; d. in Australia, Aug., 1860; m.
9. ALLEN, SOLOMON<sup>6</sup>, (Simeon<sup>6</sup>, Zebulon<sup>6</sup>, Sgt. Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>.) b. Jan. 5, 1780; m. (1) Abigail<sup>6</sup>, dau. of Selah<sup>6</sup> and Jerusha Chapin of Leyden. She d. Mch. 24, 1833; m. (2) Batsey Enos. He d. Dec. 23, 1856. Both are buried in the cemetery at Beaver Meadow. Children:
- i. JOHN<sup>7</sup>, b. Feb. 25, 1811; d. young.
  - ii. MARTIN<sup>7</sup>, b. Dec. 15, 1814.
  - iii. JOHN<sup>7</sup>, Feb. 11, 1815; m.; d. Oct. 17, 1858, in Patriot, Ind.
  - iv. JERUSHA<sup>7</sup>, b. June 29, 1817; res. Cincinnati, Ohio; m. Mack Murphy.
  - v. SIMEON<sup>7</sup>, b. Sept. 3, 1819; m. and rem. to Virginia.
  - vi. JAMES<sup>7</sup>, b. June 9, 1823; d. in the West.
10. ALLEN, SIMEON<sup>6</sup>, (Simeon<sup>6</sup>, Zebulon<sup>6</sup>, Sgt. Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>.) b. Oct. 1, 1786; m. in 1806, Mary, dau. of David or Jonah Wyles, and widow of Dr. Samuel Flagg. She was b. in Colchester, Ct., Mch. 25, 1767; d. in Bern. Aug. 11, 1845. Their intention was published Aug. 30, 1806. He lived

north-east of the present Keet mills, on an old road leading off from the present Beaver Meadow road. He d. Mch. 20, 1830. Children :

- i. FRANKLIN MATTOON<sup>7</sup>, b. in Bern. Apr. 1, 1807; m. in Franklin Mills, Ohio, Dec. 15, 1833, Clarissa Root. She d. there in February, 1843, and he, June 1, following, in Kent, Ohio. They had five children, two of whom were living in 1861.
  12. ii. JOHN SANFORD<sup>7</sup>, b. in Bern., Sept. 19, 1809.
11. ALLEN, FREDERICK ELLSWORTH HUNT<sup>6</sup>, (Jonathan<sup>5</sup>, Zebulon<sup>4</sup>, Sgt. Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>.) b. Oct. 1, 1801; m. Maria M. Grover of Hartford, Ct., Nov. 29, 1827. For several years he was captain of a company of cavalry. He resided on the place now owned by R. Harris. By trade he was a brick mason. For many years he was the popular and efficient chorister of the choir connected with the Unitarian church. He is also remembered as often being called upon to act as moderator at the town meetings, and likewise as an auctioneer. His home was always noted as a hospitable place where generous entertainment of the finest quality was always forthcoming. Then he bought the Doty shop and moved it from back of the brick store to a position south of the then Universalist church; he d. Feb. 3, 1871. His widow resided in New Haven, Ct., with her dau.; d. Jan. 29, 1899. Children :
- i. LUCINDA<sup>7</sup>, b. Sept. 29, 1828; d. Dec. 30, 1831.
  - ii. LUKE<sup>7</sup>, b. May 18, 1832; m. Antoinette Maria, dau. of Philander M. Slate, Jan. 14, 1867. They have always resided in Bernardston, where Mr. Allen has followed the mason's trade together with farming. Had: 1. Frederick<sup>8</sup> Ellsworth Hunt<sup>8</sup>, b. Apr. 5, 1872; m. July 4, 1901, Lucy F., dau. of John Chapin. He is a blacksmith, having his shop just north of the Barber mill. 2. Anna Maria<sup>8</sup>, b. Dec. 27, 1880.
  - iii. CATHERINE MARIA<sup>7</sup>, b. May 18, 1837; m. June 9, 1881, John McCarty; resides in New Haven, Ct.
  - iv. JONATHAN HUNT<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 23, 1840; m. (1) Mch. 7, 1867, Orianna Elvira<sup>4</sup>, dau. of Enoch<sup>3</sup> Moore of Bern. She d. Dec. 4, 1873, ae. 30; m. (2) Jan. 1, 1879, Jennie Z., dau. of Munroe Cur

tis, now of Millers Falls. Mr. Allen resides in Bernardston and, like his brother Luke, combines the trade of a mason with farming. Had: 1. Susan<sup>a</sup> Wright<sup>a</sup>, b. Apr. 12, 1871; m. Frederick Bertine, Jan., 1898; resides New Haven, Ct.

By second wife:

2. Olive Jennie<sup>a</sup>, b. Nov 19, 1879.

12. ALLEN, JOHN SANFORD<sup>r</sup>, (Simeon<sup>a</sup>, Simeon<sup>a</sup>, Zebulon<sup>a</sup>, Sgt. Joseph<sup>a</sup>, Benjamin<sup>a</sup>, Edward<sup>a</sup>), b. Sept. 19, 1809; m. Elizabeth W., dau. of Joseph and Roxana Capron of Leicester, Vt., where she was b. Apr. 19, 1813. They were m. in Hudson, Ohio, May 18, 1836. He was selectman of Bern., 1846-7; was by trade a mason, and all his efforts in life were characterized by frugality and energy. In 1839 he removed to No. Bern.; in 1850, to his newly purchased farm in the northern part of Greenfield, where he d. Jan. 26, 1892; she d. July 19, 1896. Children:

- i. OSCAR CAPRON<sup>a</sup>, b. in Franklin, O., Mch. 8, 1837; m. Sept. 18, 1867, Louisa Jane<sup>a</sup>, dau. of Lucius<sup>a</sup> and Hannah Chapin, and widow of Edward K. Smith; she was b. Dec. 18, 1831. In early manhood he followed the trade of a mason, later engaging in the mercantile business in Greenfield. He then kept a general store in Bernardston, and later succeeded to the management of the New England House, and afterward to the Elm House in Greenfield. He is now, in company with his son, proprietor of the American House, Greenfield. Had: 1. Hattie Louise<sup>a</sup>, b. Mch. 6, 1869; m. Oct. 28, 1890, Adam Wolfskiel of Greenfield, where they reside; has one dau., Gretchen A. 2. John Lucius<sup>a</sup>, b. Dec. 21, 1872; m. Feb. 22, 1893, Mae A., dau. of James Langdon of Philadelphia, Pa.; res. Greenfield; is in the hotel business with his father under the firm name of O. C. Allen & Son. No children.
- ii. MARY ELIZABETH<sup>a</sup>, b. in Franklin, O., Apr. 26, 1838; d. Feb. 27, 1839.
- iii. MARY ELIZA<sup>a</sup>, b. in Bernardston Jan. 2, 1840; m. Charles Emerson Ballou Nov. 16, 1864; resides in South Shelburne; has five children.
- iv. CHARLES FLAGG<sup>a</sup>, b. Jan. 4, 1842; m. Dec. 9, 1880, Lizzie M., dau. of Henry Handforth. He was a member of Co. A, 52nd Reg.

- Mass. Vol., during the Civil War. In early life he learned and followed the trade of a mason; he now resides in Greenfield, where he has been several years foreman of the cutting department in the shoe factory. Had: 1. Grace<sup>9</sup>, d. Mch. 17, 1889. 2. CHARLES<sup>9</sup>, d. Apr. 6, 1889.
- v. ISABELLA MARIA<sup>8</sup>, b. Sept. 23, 1843; m. Nov. 27, 1860, Edwin Connable<sup>4</sup> Burrows of Bernardston, where they reside.
- vi. SARAH ELIZABETH<sup>8</sup>, b. Sept. 23, 1845; res. with her brother Frank; unm.
- vii. JULIA WYLES<sup>8</sup>, b. Oct. 29, 1847; m. Sept. 7, 1869, Meric Philander Slate of Bern., where they reside; no children.
- viii. JOHN FRANK<sup>8</sup>, b. in Greenfield, Apr. 10, 1850; m. in Leyden, May 1, 1878, Lottie L.<sup>9</sup> dau. of Ransom<sup>8</sup> Foster. She was b. Sept. 24, 1854. They reside in the north part of Greenfield, on the farm formerly owned by his father. Had: 1. John Foster<sup>9</sup>, b. Mch. 6, 1879, in Greenfield. 2. Gertrude May<sup>9</sup>, b. Sept. 17, 1882; d. June 17, 1885. 3. Nellie Elizabeth<sup>9</sup>, b. June 14, 1886; d. Apr. 27, 1887. 4. Herbert Frank<sup>9</sup>, b. September 14, 1888.
- ix. LUCINDA ELLA<sup>8</sup>, b. in Greenfield, May 25, 1852; m. Isaac C. Barton of Greenfield, where they reside.
- x. EMMA GERTRUDE<sup>8</sup>, b. Nov. 16, 1854; m. Jan. 1, 1874, Frank W. Tyler of Riverside; she d. Apr. 26, 1875.
- xi. MILIA HELENA<sup>8</sup>, b. Sept. 5, 1857; m. Nov. 2, 1876, Adelbert S.<sup>9</sup> Atherton of Bernardston, where they reside.

ANDREWS, ANDROS, ANDROSS or ANDRUS family. Upon the early records we find all of these spellings for the same name. Lieut. Nehemiah<sup>6</sup> Andros was the first representative in town. He first built, about 1779, the *old* house on the Dr. Carpenter place. In its original location, it stood where the Geo. W. Brooks house was later, north of the New England House. It was "moved by Benj. Green, around by the old postoffice, and across lots." In 1774 it was voted "to confirm the road from Nehemiah Andros's log-house up to his lot through David Rider's and William Fox's land." He is descended from John<sup>1</sup> (of Farmington, Ct., in 1672.) through John<sup>2</sup>, Stephen<sup>3</sup>, Charles<sup>4</sup>. The latter (Charles) was in the Revolution from Glastenbury, Ct., and had quite a family of children. The fourth son was Nehemiah, b. May 28, 1746, and



m. (1) in 1775, Hannah Fox of Glastenbury, Ct; m. (2) in 1778, Elizabeth Scott of Bern. She was b. about 1754, and d. Mch. 18, 1842.

1. ANDREWS, NEHEMIAH<sup>6</sup>, served in the Revolution in Capt. Agrippa Wells' Co., Col. Saml. William's reg., Apr. 19, 1775, service 10 days, and also as private May 1, 1775, in Capt. Agrippa Wells' Co., Col. Asa Whitcomb's reg. He also had the title of lieut., but whether acquired in Revolutionary service, I know not. In 1786 he was surveyor of highways. He must have come to town not far from 1770, and removed thence to Guilford, Vt., probably to the place since known as the "Sol Andrews" place about 1790. He d. Mch. 8, 1813, at Guilford. Children:

- i. HANNAH<sup>6</sup>, probably that one who m. Oct. 17, 1792, Elihu Scott.
- ii. ELIZABETH<sup>6</sup>.

By second wife:

- iii. SOLOMON<sup>6</sup>, b. in Bern. Oct. 6, 1779; m. Betsey Gaines, who was b. in Guilford, Vt., Nov. 23, 1780, and d. Aug. 16, 1856. He moved from Bern. to Guilford, Vt., with his parents when ten years of age; became an extensive land holder at one time, owning it is said, one thousand acres. He d. Mch. 24, 1867. Had: 1. Lurancy<sup>7</sup>, b. Feb. 7, 1804; m. Mch. 13, 1828, Pliny R.<sup>7</sup> Warner of Bern. She d. Sept. 26, 1857. 2. Luther<sup>7</sup>, b. June 24, 1805; m. Aug. 14, 1828, Matilda, dau. of Nathaniel Tyler of Guilford. 3. Lester<sup>7</sup>, b. Apr. 7, 1807; m. Delilah Gore of Halifax, Vt. 4. Solomon<sup>7</sup>, b. Mch. 6, 1809; m. Minerva Session. 5. Sanford<sup>7</sup>, b. July 31, 1810; m. Jan. 21, 1839, Mary A. Haynes of Guilford. He d. in Guilford, July 7, 1897. 6. Abigail<sup>7</sup>, b. Jan. 13, 1812; m. 1833, David P. Colgrove; m. (2) Neri<sup>6</sup> Chapin of Chicopee, Mass. 7. Nehemiah<sup>7</sup>, b. May 25, 1813; d. Aug., 1817. 8. Otis<sup>7</sup>, b. June 23, 1814; d. Aug. 11, 1814. 9. Elizabeth<sup>7</sup>, b. Sept. 6, 1815; m. (1) Jan. 28, 1833, Richard Gains; m. (2) November 1, 1858, Pliney R.<sup>7</sup> Warner of Bernardston. She died June 18, 1896, in Michigan. 10. Mardulla Lucina<sup>7</sup>, b. Jan. 15, 1817; m. Nov. 27, 1839, Daniel McClure of Guilford; resides Brattleboro, Vt. 11. Nehemiah<sup>7</sup>, b. June 5, 1818; m. Apr. 10, 1849, Abbie Weatherhead; m. (2) Sept., 1868, Lizzie Guellow. Both are dead. 12. Clarissa Elvira<sup>7</sup>, b. Jan. 16, 1820; m. No-

- vember 14, 1849, Joshua Stafford; resides Guilford. 13. Chester<sup>7</sup>, b. Feb. 25, 1821; d. Feb. 26, 1821. 14. Emily Melissa<sup>7</sup>, b. July 15, 1822; m. Mch. 25, 1840, Charles H.<sup>6</sup> Bagg; d. July 20, 1849. 15. Delight Pemelia<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 11, 1824; d. Feb. 4, 1826.
- iv. GRACIA<sup>6</sup>, b. in Bern. July, 1781; m. Wheelock Aldrich.
- v. ELIJAH<sup>6</sup>, b. in Bern. May 6, 1783.
- vi. NEHEMIAH<sup>6</sup>, b. in Bernardston, July, 1785; m. 1806, Olive Aldrich.
- vii. OTIS<sup>6</sup>, b. in Bern., May 12, 1788; m. Mch. 21, 1816, Susan Ellis.
- viii. CHESTER<sup>6</sup>, b. in Guilford, Vt., May, 1790.
- ix. CHLOE<sup>6</sup>, b. in Guilford, Vt., June 15, 1792; m. Amasa Aldrich.
- x. LUTHER C.<sup>6</sup>, b. 1794; d. 1796.

ARMS, SETII<sup>1</sup>, traces his descent through Thomas<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, to William<sup>1</sup>, who first appears in this country about the year 1676. He was b. July 7, 1757, published to Joanna, dau. of Joseph Wright, Mch. 10, 1781. Mr. Arms resided here for a time about 1800, later at Bloody Brook, South Deerfield, Mass. Had eight children.

ASHLEY, Mrs., came here from Fall River, purchasing the old Baptist church, which had been converted into a dwelling. Her second husband was Israel Phillips. She d. in 1900. The place is now owned by her son Edward of Waterbury, Ct., and by him used as a summer residence. Children :

- i. Daughter, who m. Mr. Robertson of Fall River.
- ii. EDWARD, has been twice m.; is a dentist residing in Waterbury, Ct.
- iii. HATTIE M., m. William A. Robbins of Waterbury, Ct., 1884; d.
- iv. JENNIE F., m. James H. Clarke in 1892; res. Philadelphia, Pa.
- v. EBEN L., was for five years with the Scovil Manufacturing Co. of Waterbury, Ct.; since 1884 has been engaged in stock raising in Montana; m. Mch. 12, 1901, Sadie Henrietta<sup>5</sup>, dau. Edwin C<sup>4</sup> Burrows; resides Flat Willow, Mont.

ATHERTON. The Athertons of this place are directly descended from Humphrey<sup>1</sup>, who, perhaps, came from Preston in Lancashire, where the name continued as late as 1780. He was of Dorchester, Mass., in 1636. In 1650 he was major general of the Massachusetts militia, and captain of ancient and honorable artillery; was representative nine years. He was thrown from his horse by riding over a cow, receiving inju-

ries from which he died the next day, Sept. 17, 1661. His son, Rev. Hope<sup>2</sup> Atherton was chaplain under Capt. Turner. Through Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Adonijah<sup>4</sup>, Oliver<sup>5</sup>, and Joseph<sup>6</sup>, is the line of descent traced.

1. **ATHERTON, JOSEPH<sup>6</sup>**, was b. Apr. 28, 1758. He was a Revolutionary soldier, going out as private in 1776, and serving in several commands until 1780. In Capt. Newton's Co., Col. S. Murray's Hampshire Co. reg., he held the rank of corporal. He resided for quite a time in Bern.; in 1800 in Greenfield. He m. Mch. 29, 1780, Meriam<sup>4</sup>, dau. of Capt. Moses<sup>3</sup> Scott. She was b. May 12, 1760; d. Mch. 3, 1844. He d. Apr. 6, 1834, and, as is his father, is buried in the cemetery on Log Plain, in the north part of Greenfield. Children:
  - i. **OLIVE<sup>7</sup>**, b. Sept. 26, 1781; m. July 2, 1807, John Eason.
  - ii. **ALLEN<sup>7</sup>**, b. Nov. 2, 1783; m. Feb. 5, 1810, Ruth Grinnell; died Aug. 1845.
  - iii. **RALPH<sup>7</sup>**, b. Sept. 3, 1785; d. Mch. 22, 1803.
  - iv. **MERRY<sup>7</sup>**, b. Apr. 26, 1787; m. (1) Apr. 12, 1806, Lieut. Enos H. Burt. He d. Feb. 23, 1814; she m. (2) Joab Scott. She died Feb. 20, 1876.
  - v. **JOSEPH<sup>7</sup>**, b. Aug. 3, 1789.
  - vi. **HORACE<sup>7</sup>**, b. July 14, 1791; m. Apr. 29, 1817, Rhoda<sup>8</sup>, dau. of Consider<sup>7</sup> Cushman. She was b. Feb. 17, 1798, and d. Sept. 14, 1830. He was a blacksmith by occupation, and resided just south of the present residence of Rodney Park. He lived the last years of his life on the south-east corner of South and Depot streets. He d. Feb. 6, 1879. Had: 1. Lucinda Submit<sup>8</sup>, b. Oct. 3, 1817; m. Nov. 28, 1844, Justin Slate. She d. September 7-8, 1889. 2. Marian Sophia<sup>8</sup>, b. June 26, 1819; m. (1) Oct. 27, 1839, Jason H. Plummer of Brattleboro, Vt., by whom she had two sons; he d. Jan. 29, 1862; she m. (2) Nov. 28, 1882, Samuel H.<sup>8</sup> Atherton; resides in Bern. 3. Rhoda<sup>8</sup>, b. Jan. 10, 1821; d. Nov. 24, 1821. 4. Rhoda<sup>8</sup>, b. Nov. 9, 1822; m. Polycarpus Loring<sup>8</sup> Cushman, Apr. 14, 1847; resides Bern. 5. Enos Burt<sup>8</sup>, b. May 31, 1826; d. Oct. 12, 1826. 6. Clesson Chamberlain<sup>8</sup>, b. Nov. 22, 1827; res. Claremont, N. H. 7. Joseph Burt<sup>8</sup>, b. Mch. 5, 1830.

- vii. HEPSIBAH<sup>7</sup>, b. July 17, 1793; d. Apr. 11, 1877; unm.
  - viii. HENRY<sup>7</sup>, b. Sept. 8, 1795; d. Mch. 27, 1819.
  - ix. OLIVER<sup>7</sup>, b. Mch. 6, 1799; d. Mch. 15, 1799.
2. ATHERTON, JOSEPH<sup>7</sup>, (Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Oliver<sup>5</sup>, Adonijah<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Hope<sup>2</sup>, Humphrey<sup>1</sup>.) b. Aug. 3, 1789; m. Martha Chamberlain, Mch. 14, 1811. She d. about 1853. He was resident of Leyden; he d. Aug. 9, 1841. Children:
- i. JOSEPH<sup>8</sup>, who m. Miss Allen of Windsor, Ct. He resided and d. in Hartford, Ct.
  - ii. MARTHA<sup>8</sup>, who m. Charles Webster of Hartford; res Akron, O.
  - iii. NEWTON C.<sup>8</sup>, who m. Harriet Hall of Windsor, Ct.; d. in Hartford.
  - iv. BARTLETT<sup>8</sup>, who m. and d. in Hartford.
3. v. SAMUEL H.<sup>8</sup>, b. May 25, 1820.
- vi. HARRY<sup>8</sup>; d. young.
  - vii. JOHN<sup>8</sup>, b. Mch. about 1825; m; d.
  - viii. ELIZABETH<sup>8</sup>, m. George L. Burr; res. Hartford, Ct.
3. ATHERTON, SAMUEL H.<sup>8</sup> (Joseph<sup>7</sup>, Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Oliver<sup>5</sup>, Adonijah<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Hope<sup>2</sup>, Humphrey<sup>1</sup>.) b. May 25, 1820; m. (1) Oct. 2, 1842, Roxanna M.<sup>3</sup>, dau. of Gamaliel<sup>2</sup> Kingsley of Bern.; she was b. July 3, 1822; d. Aug. 18, 1845; m. (2) Sept. 24, 1846, Abigail, dau. of Chester Taft of Townsend, Vt. She d. July 5, 1881; m. (3) Nov. 28, 1882, Marian Sophia<sup>8</sup>, dau. of Horace<sup>7</sup> Atherton and widow of Jason Plummer. Mr. Atherton resided for several years at the village, where he was looked upon as one of the substantial men of the passing generation. He held the office of selectman for the years 1872—1878, inclusive, and has always worked for the promotion of the town's interest in public affairs. For many years he carried on the farm until recently occupied by his son, Adelbert, on Burk Flat. He in 1901 removed to the home of his son on the old John Burk place. Some years ago in company with the latter, he engaged in soap manufacturing, which business has proven successful, the firm name being S. H. Atherton and Son. Children:
- i. ADELBERT SAMUEL<sup>9</sup>, b. Oct. 13, 1850; m. Nov. 2, 1876, Milia<sup>8</sup> H., dau. of John S. Allen of Greenfield. She was b. Sept. 5, 1857.

Mr. Atherton carried on the farm on Burk Flat formerly owned by his father, with whom he is associated in the business of soap making, one of the town's successful, enterprising men. In 1895 he served as selectman; in the spring of 1901 he removed to the site of the old John Burk place, having built thereon a modern house. For several years he has been the town's choice as moderator at their annual meetings, and is also a popular auctioneer. Had: 1. Lila Gertrude<sup>10</sup>, b. July 8, 1878. 2. Fred Samuel<sup>10</sup>, b. Jan. 27, 1881; d. Feb. 5, 1901. 3. John Chester<sup>10</sup>, b. July 15, 1884. 4. Raymond Allen<sup>10</sup>, b. May 30, 1886. 5. Abby Elizabeth<sup>10</sup>, b. Mch 23, 1888.

ii. FRED ALBERT<sup>9</sup>, b. Apr. 18, 1853; d. in Colrain, Feb. 16, 1862.

1. BAGG, ISRAEL<sup>4</sup>, (Thomas<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>, who is supposed to have emigrated from Plymouth, England, and died in Springfield, Mass.,) was b. Apr. 16, 1752; m. Jan. 11, 1776, Sarah<sup>2</sup> Green. She was probably a sister of Samuel, and dau. of Benjamin<sup>1</sup> Green, b. 1754; d. Jan. 13, 1832. He came from West Springfield to town about 1756, settling in the north-west part of the town, at the end of a road leading north from the Leyden or "Newcomb road." He d. July 10, 1838. Children:

2. i. ISRAEL<sup>5</sup>, b. Apr. 14, 1777, in West Springfield.
- ii. ANNA<sup>5</sup>, b. 1778; m. Joseph<sup>1</sup> Aldrich, his second wife. She d. Aug. 8, 1847, ae. 69.
- iii. CHLOE<sup>5</sup>, whose marriage intention with Aaron<sup>2</sup> Fox was entered Feb. 28, 1807.
- iv. MAUGRITTA<sup>5</sup>, m. Asa Wells of Leyden, June 9, 1816.
- v. SARAH<sup>5</sup>, whose marriage intention with Eber Barker of West Springfield, was entered Jan. 2, 1807.
- vi. dau.<sup>5</sup>, who d. young.
3. vii. LUTHER<sup>5</sup>, b. 1790.
4. viii. OLIVER<sup>5</sup>, b. Aug. 1793.
5. ix. RUGGLES<sup>5</sup>, b. Aug., 1796.

2. BAGG, ISRAEL<sup>5</sup>, (Israel<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>,) b. Apr. 14, 1777, in West Springfield; m. (1) Rachael Felt of West Springfield. She d. Jan. 21, 1835, ae. 61 years; m. (2) Alice, dau. of Reuben Alger of Bern. Mr. Bagg was a farmer, always living



upon the ancestral home in the north-west part of Bern. He d. July 28, 1878, having reached the unusually great age of 101 years, six months. Children:

(The order of birth is uncertain.)

- i. HARRIET<sup>6</sup>, b. 1797; m. Mch., 1822, Chester<sup>5</sup> Ryther. She d. in Aug. or Dec., 1847.
- ii. CLARISSA<sup>6</sup>, m. Rufus Wells of Leyden, to whom she was published Aug. 9, 1819. They rem. to New York State.
- iii. ANN<sup>6</sup>, m. (1) Edwin Lyndes of Guilford; (2) Noah Ball of Brattleboro, Vt.
- iv. SARAH<sup>6</sup>, m. Timothy Proctor Slate of Bern., Mch. 13, 1825.
- v. LUCINDA<sup>6</sup>, b. 1805; m. John Wells; res. Bern. She d. Feb. 27, 1862; he d. July 27, 1855, ae. 57.
- vi. CHLOE<sup>6</sup>, m. Phineas Page; resided for a time in the north part of Greenfield, but later rem. west.
- vii. JUSTIN<sup>6</sup>, b. 1814; m. Livonia M.<sup>7</sup>, dau. of Daniel<sup>6</sup> Sanderson of Bern. He resided just south of Hendrick Slate's place; d. Mch. 4, 1852, ae. 38. She died Sept. 21, 1887, ae. 80 years, 11 mos.

3. BAGG, LUTHER<sup>5</sup> (Israel<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>.) b. 1790; m. Thankful C. Hale of New York State. Their intention was recorded July 21, 1816. Mr. Bagg resided with his father; d. Oct. 22, 1841; Mrs. Bagg m. (2) Nov. 15, 1843, Seorem<sup>3</sup> Hale of Bern. He d. July 2, 1851; she m. (3) Mr. Tracey of Sunderland. She d. May 1, 1870, in Montague. Children:

- i. RICHARD<sup>6</sup>, m. Apr. 5, 1842, Emily J.<sup>4</sup>, dau. of George W.<sup>3</sup> Hale. She d. Jan. 5, 1848; m. (2) Mch. 6, 1851, Mary H., dau. of Jesse Field. She d. May 30, 1888. He resided on or near the old homestead until after his second marriage, when he removed to Montague. He d. in 1894. Had: 1. Mary Ellen<sup>7</sup>, b. June 20, 1843; m. Henry Dickinson of Montague, where they reside. 2. George<sup>7</sup>, res. Montague; unm.
- ii. SYLVIA R.<sup>6</sup>, b. 1820; d. Oct. 20, 1843; unm.
- iii. MARGARET M.<sup>6</sup>, m. Wm. W. Easton, Nov. 1, 1841; res. Feeding Hills.
- iv. JAMES M.<sup>6</sup>, b. Sept. 10, 1824; m. Mary Ann, dau. of Rufus Frizzell of Leyden. Their intention was recorded Mch. 29, 1848. She d. Oct. 28, 1876, ae. 55 years. For a few years after her

death Mr. Bagg continued to reside on the old Bagg farm off the Newcomb road, adding the trade of a carpenter to the duties of a farmer. The last of his life was spent in Greenfield. He d. suddenly in Bern., Oct. 12, 1898. Had: 1. Francis A.<sup>7</sup>, b. Jan. 26, 1849; m. Hattie J., dau. of Mrs. M. D. Bardwell of Bern.; res. Brattleboro, Vt. 2. Henry A.<sup>7</sup>, b. Sept. 26, 1850; m. Mary Ann., dau. Samuel Connabell, who d. Feb. 25, 1899. He d. Dec. 28, 1893; one dau., Susie<sup>8</sup>. 3. Sabry Ella<sup>7</sup>, b. December 24, 1855; m. Wells T. Bardwell; d. Feb. 1, 1885. 4. Angie S.<sup>7</sup>, b. July 26, 1859; m. Irving Whitney; res. Fitchburg. 5. Mary S.<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 17, 1861; m. Henry L. Stiles; res. Westfield. 6. Alice L.<sup>7</sup>, b. Mch. 12, 1866; m. Harry E. White; res. Brightwood.

- v. ISRAEL<sup>6</sup>, m. and rem. to Conn., where he d.
- vi. SARAH<sup>6</sup>, m. Silas P.<sup>4</sup> Hale, Apr. 20, 1848; she d. Apr. 1893.
- vii. LAURA<sup>6</sup>, m. (1) Geo. Walman; (2) Silas Morgan; res. Orange.
- viii. FREDERICK LUTHER<sup>6</sup>, m. Abbie Thomas of Sunderland. He was in the Civil War, serving three years in the 32nd Mass. Reg. He participated in 16 battles; res. South Deerfield.

Of the Bagg brothers, Oliver and Ruggles, a record of the life work of one is practically that of the other. They were married on two consecutive days, and immediately moved into the house owned by Theodore B. Hoyt at North Bernardston, which is the one recently owned by Chas. Bagg, the three families having their own apartments and using one cook stove in common. In about a year they bought of Socrates Sheldon his mills and property located on the west branch of Fall River. Here an extensive business at the saw and grist mills was carried on, and they soon after increased their plant by the addition of a carding machine and fulling mill until that was one of the busiest places to be found in the entire section, people coming from miles around. With increasing prosperity they built the substantial two-story double house, the north and south halves being exact counterparts, and here the two families resided. A daughter of Oliver, Miss Rosella Bagg, now lives there entirely alone, and to her the location must suggest many thoughts of the

former times when in place of the now wild growth of brush on the old mill sites, and the solitude of the wooded road and river bank, there was once so much life and activity.

4. BAGG, OLIVER<sup>5</sup> (Israel<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>.) b. Aug. 1793; m. Oct. 20, 1817, Sarah B., dau. Eddy Chapin of Guilford, Vt. She was b. June 29, 1796; d. Mch. 28, 1872; he d. Mch. 13, 1878. Children:

- i. EDDY C.<sup>6</sup>, b. Nov., 1818; m. Nancy, dau. Chas. Babcock of Guilford. He d. Mch. 8, 1876.
- ii. ROSELLA<sup>6</sup>, resides on the old homestead; unm.
- iii. LURANCY S.<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 31, 1825; m. Moses<sup>3</sup> Aldrich, Nov. 26, 1850. She d. Feb. 16, 1888, ae. 62.

5. BAGG, RUGGLES<sup>5</sup>, (Israel<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>.) b. Aug., 1796; m. (1) Hester, dau. of Elder Peter Rogers of Leyden, Oct. 19, 1817. She d. Oct. 5, 1877, ae. 83 years; m. (2) Sarah A., (Gooderich) Treadwell. She d. in Greenfield, Oct. 6, 1896, ae. 82 years. He d. Jan. 11, 1892. Children:

- i. HENRY R.<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 1, 1818; m. Lucretia Johnson of East Medway in 1839; res. West; had a dau. Abbie.
- ii. CHARLES H.<sup>6</sup>, b. Mch. 26, 1820; m. (1) Mch. 25, 1840, Emily Melissa<sup>7</sup>, dau. of Solomon<sup>6</sup> Andrews of Guilford. She was born July 15, 1822; d. July 20, 1849; m. (2) Dec. 31, 1851, Betsey W. Burnett of Guilford, Vt. She d. Feb. 20, 1897, ae. 71 years, 11 mos. Mr. Bagg was a clothier by trade, carrying on also a small place. He until recently resided at North Bernardston; now lives with his dau., Mrs. Davis, in Providence, R. I. Had: 1. Clarissa F.<sup>7</sup>, b. Jan. 30, 1841; m. Nov. 30, 1865, Emory L. Tubbs of Guilford, Vt.; res. Providence, R. I. 2. Hester Rogers<sup>7</sup>, b. July 6, 1843; m. Schuyler N. Davis; res. Providence, R. I. 3. Charles Henry<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 15, 1848; was for a time an Episcopal minister, residing at Naperville, Ill., but is now engaged in secular pursuits. 4. Hollis Boyden<sup>7</sup>, b. June 29, 1857; is m. and res. in Waterbury, Ct.
- iii. HESTER MARIA<sup>6</sup>, b. Oct. 23, 1833; m. (1) Feb. 1, 1853, Field W.<sup>8</sup> Cushman; (2) Frederick Chapin, both of Bern. She resides with her dau., Mrs. Pember, in Boston.

BAILEY, RICHARD. Oct. 22, 1764, voted "that Mr. Richard Bailey be improved to git the Town eased of the Country tax." A Mr. Bailey was the first blacksmith in town, and his shop was in the old Burk Fort. He was the second person interred in the old burying ground.

BARBER, AZARIAH<sup>7</sup>, (Azariah<sup>6</sup>, Zachariah<sup>5</sup>, Elisha<sup>4</sup>, Zachariah<sup>3</sup>, Zachariah<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>, b. in England, 1615, emigrated to this country in 1635. "Was a Puritan of distinction, one of the early settlers in Dedham and Medfield. He was the chief Military officer of the district and a member of the Colonial Government,") b. in Warwick, Sept. 9, 1823; m. Elmina M., dau. of Henry Ball of Warwick, Nov. 19, 1859. He soon after took up his residence in town, residing successively on the present Frizzell place and at the village, in all about seven years. He then removed to Northfield, which place he made his home until 1898, when he returned to town, purchasing the home of the late Andrew Wood, just east of the iron bridge at the village. Had:

i. ELLSWORTH WILLIAMS<sup>8</sup>, b. Mch. 10, 1864; d. June 6, 1892.

BARBER, REV. STILLMAN<sup>7</sup>, (brother of Azariah<sup>7</sup>,) b. in Warwick, July 21, 1818; m. Apr. 20, 1841, Mary C., dau. Moses Fisher of Warwick. She d. Feb. 21, 1898. He d. Feb. 15, 1901. (For further account, see page 143.) Children:

i. CHARLES SUMNER<sup>8</sup>, b. Aug. 22, 1852; m. Dec. 19, 1883, Grace Eliza<sup>7</sup>, dau. of Paul J.<sup>6</sup> Allen. For many years he was a successful traveling salesman for the jobbing firm of Cutler, Macintosh & Co. of Springfield. About 1896 he gave up traveling and returned to Bernardston, and bought out the milling business owned by the late Hartley Hale. Has two children: 1. Edith Louise<sup>9</sup>, b. Feb. 27, 1885. 2. Mary Elinor<sup>9</sup>, b. Dec. 5, 1888.

ii. FRANKLIN S.<sup>8</sup>, b. Nov. 27, 1855; d. Aug. 29, 1857.

iii. CAROLINE A.<sup>8</sup>, b. Jan. 18, 1859, a most successful teacher in Plainfield, N. J.

BARBER, GILBERT A., came to town not far from 1885, from Guilford, Vt. Resided at several places, finally purchasing the

old "Priest Rogers" place, later owned by John Mowry. This is now occupied by his son, he having removed some distance south, nearer the village.

BARDWELL, MRS. MARY D., widow of Guy Bardwell, came here in 1868 from Montague, Mass., and purchased the place now owned by Miss Mariette Chapin; is now living in Maynard, Mass. Children:

- i. HATTIE J., m. Francis A.<sup>7</sup> Bagg of Brattleboro, Vt., where they now reside.
- ii. FRED W. He is postmaster, being appointed in 1885; unm.
- iii. WELLS, T. B., m. Sabra Ella, dau. of James Bagg. She d. Feb. 1, 1885; m. (2) Jessie Wetherell; is a blacksmith residing in Brattleboro, Vt.
- iv. FANNIE A., m. Charles H. Persons, 1884, of Bern. They now reside in Maynard, Mass.

BARSTOW, ALPHEUS, son of John and Elizabeth Newcomb Barstow, was b. in Norwich (now Franklin) Ct., or in Canterbury, Ct., in 1748. Elizabeth Newcomb was the seventh child of Hezekiah, who was the original owner of the Newcomb lands in Bernardston and Leyden, and a sister of Silas and Peter, the first Newcomb settlers. Alpheus Barstow m. Content Carter; was selectman in 1783, lived within the territory afterward Leyden, where he was prominently connected with town affairs; d. about 1840, ae. 92 years.

BARSTOW, NOYES, Dr. He succeeded Dr. Dwight in the practice of medicine in town. He m. Mary, dau. of John Caldwell of Northfield. She was b. July 20, 1821. He is now a resident of Springfield, where his sons are engaged in business. A dau., Eloiene Frances, d. Aug. 11, 1858, ae. 8 yrs., 11 mos.

1. BARTON, ISAAC, b. Mch. 21, 1768, is supposed to have been lineally descended from that Samuel Barton who early in the 18th century removed from Framingham to Oxford, from which place Isaac is supposed to have removed to this section, purchasing, Apr. 24, 1809, the John Hall farm, located



in that part of Leyden since annexed to Bern. Sept., 1815, he sold this place, moving to the Burk farm upon Burk Flat, where for one or two years he made his home with his son Benjamin. With this same son he bought a farm in New Salem, May 30, 1817. Here he resided until the spring of 1833, when, with his son David, he bought and moved to the present Henry Barton farm in Riverside, Gill, Jan. 13, 1838; he sold this, removing thence and purchasing, Mch. 12 following, a farm in the north part of Greenfield, the place now owned by Mrs. Leonard. He m. Hannah Pierce, who was b. Mch. 10, 1766, and d. Apr. 5, 1856. He d. Dec. 2, 1840. Children:

- i. BENJAMIN, b. Aug. 3, 1789. About 1825 purchased the Barton farm at Riverside, Gill, which is now owned by his grandson, Henry; m. (1) Sarah Parsons; (2) Asenath Hoseley Day. Had: 1. Leonard, b. Dec. 21, 1814, in Bern.; res. Riverside; d. unm., Oct. 22, 1897. 2. Bradford, who m. Mary Frost. Children: George L., d.; Edward B., d.; Henry, who m. Emma, dau. Lucius Weatherhed of Bern.; Hattie L.
  - ii. JOSEPH, b. Sept. 27, 1791; settled in Oswego, N. Y.
  2. iii. ISAAC, b. Feb. 8, 1794.
  - iv. NEHEMIAH PIERCE, b. June 30, 1796; was twice m.; settled in Monson.
  - v. HANNAH, b. Apr. 10, 1798; m. Lucius<sup>7</sup> Chapin; d. Apr. 21, 1885.
  - vi. DAVID, b. Mch. 31, 1801; m. Olive, dau. Warren Horr; she d. June 12, 1849; he d. Oct. 9, 1845. Had: 1. Ellen, b. Oct. 27, 1828; m. Alonzo Megrath of Greenfield Oct. 30, 1859; resides in Greenfield. 2. Hannah, b. Dec. 30, 1830; m. Mark Streeter; res. Denver, Col. 3. Lucy, b. 1832; m. ——— May 13, 1857; d. Apr. 15, 1859. 4. Warren, b. 1834; res. Ohio. 5. Isaac Rich, b. 1836; res. Batavia, N. Y.
  - vii. SARAH, b. June 5, 1804; m. Chas.<sup>2</sup> Scott of Gill—his second wife.
  - viii. LOUISA, b. Jan. 8, 1808; m. Jan. 1836, Salem Rich of Greenfield, (Factory Hollow). She d. May 9, 1881; he d. Apr., 1901.
2. BARTON, ISAAC<sup>2</sup>, (Isaac<sup>1</sup>) b. Feb. 8, 1794; m. Matilda<sup>3</sup>, dau. John<sup>2</sup> Hale Mch. 23, 1818. She was b. May 26, 1792; d. Mch. 17, 1866. He d. Apr. 12, 1867. He resided in the north part of Green-

field, where he was a farmer and tanner. He and his family were always identified with the Unitarian society in town. Children :

- i. Son, b. and d. Jan. 3, 1819.
- ii. OPHELIA, b. Oct. 15, 1821; m. Apr. 20, 1843, Sanford P.<sup>3</sup> Chase of Bern.; d. Sept. 2, 1858.
- iii. LYMAN G., b. Jan. 19, 1827; m. Apr. 29, 1852, Lucy R.<sup>8</sup>, dau. of Ralph<sup>7</sup> Cushman of Bern. He succeeded his father on the farm and tannery in the north part of Greenfield; now resides at the street. He is a civil engineer, was county commissioner and has been prominently connected with town affairs. Had: 1. Isaac C., b. Mch. 13, 1853; m. L. Ella, dau. John S. Allen; res. Greenfield; two children. 2. Alice M., b. July 21, 1863; d. Nov. 20, 1863. 3. Walter L., b. July 3, 1869; m. Julia Martin; res. Greenfield; one dau.

BENJAMIN, E. EVERETT, b. in Montague; purchased about 1895 the Col. Ferry place, which was earlier owned by Polycarpus L. Cushman and his son, Henry W. This farm comprised the original grant made to Medad Pumrey of Northampton who was in the Falls Fight. Under Mr. Cushman's ownership the farm comprised one hundred and seventy-five acres. To this Mr. Benjamin has added until his landed estate now consists of over three hundred acres, one of the largest farms in town. Here Mr. Benjamin spends a portion of his time, the rest being devoted to the shoe business, he traveling for and being a considerable owner in the Thomas G. Plant factory. In this venture, as in his farming, he has met with remarkable success, and on his place here is to be found all that pertains to the most progressive agriculture.

BIXBY, GEORGE H., son of David and Lydia Bixby, was b. in Havenhill, N. H., Mch. 12, 1827. About 1883-5, he took up his residence in town, purchasing the place formerly owned by Samuel Green, and later by Henry W. Hale, on the Northfield road. He has come to be recognized as one of the town's most methodical farmers. He m. Sept. 7, 1856, Sarah Eliza<sup>9</sup>, dau. of Thomas J.<sup>8</sup> Newcomb. Has:

- i. ELEANOR LYDIA, b. Apr. 4, 1859; m. June 15, 1887, Hendrick A.<sup>5</sup> Slate.

BOLTON, Dr. W. J., was for a few years a practicing physician here, succeeding Dr. W. H. Pierce. While here he m., Jan. 17, 189-, Annie, dau. of Harris Williams, then of town. They now reside in Athol.

BOWKER, CHARLES<sup>3</sup>, M. D., (Melvin<sup>2</sup>, Liberty<sup>1</sup> of Pembroke) is one of the two medical practitioners of the town. He was born in Savoy, Mass., Sept. 16, 1824. His earlier studies were pursued at the common schools and at Wilbraham. Some time was also devoted to teaching. His medical studies were furthered at the Berkshire Medical College in Pittsfield, Mass., from which he graduated in 1854. His earlier years of practice were spent in Savoy and Wilbraham, four years in each town. During the war he was in the service one year as acting assistant surgeon. Upon the close of the war in May, 1865, he settled in Bernardston, where he has since successfully followed his profession, gaining many friends and life-long patrons. He is a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society. He and his family have always been earnest and devoted members of the Methodist church, also much interested in the temperance movements and cause. Was selectman 1892-3-4-5. He m. (1) in 1847, Delcy D. Dunham; she d. 1852; (2) Harriet P., dau. of Samuel Dawes, in 1853. Children:

- i. DELCEY H., m. George T. Swazey; res. Vt.
- ii. ALPHONZO V., a physician residing in Athol, Mass.
- iii. SAMUEL D., a physician residing in Rowe, Mass.
- iv. EFFIE L., m. Aug. 4, 1896, Theodore C. Forbes; res. Greenfield.
- v. ARTHUR H., res. Athol.
- vi. ROSE E., resides in Greenfield; a teacher of music; m. Aug. 25, 1900, Frank H. Maxwell.

BOYLE, JAMES, was first located at Troy, N. Y., where he m. Miss Van Dusen, of Dutch descent. Their children were:

- i. JAMES.
- ii. SUSAN.
- iii. NANCY.
- iv. CHARLES.

2. v. WILLIAM, b. in Troy, N. Y., May 2, 1798; m. (1) in Warwick, Mary Rand; she d. in Woodstock, N. Y., Mch. 14, 1824, aged 24 years; m. (2) at Keene, N. H., Apr. 26, 1826, Betsey Rugg. She d. in Bern., Dec. 3, 1879. He d. Sept. 30, 1866. Their home was on South street, the place now owned by James Shippee. Had: 1. William Alexander, b. June 1816, at Keene, N. H.; d. Dec. 18, 1817. 2. Mary Priscilla, b. Apr. 26, 1823; m. (1) Nov. 14, 1844, Nathan Wyart; (2) John Glazier of Stratton, Vt. She d. in Greenfield, Mch. 1901. By second wife: 3. Elias James, b. in Keene, N. H., Jan. 27, 1827; d. Sept. 4, 1892. 4. Sarah Rugg, b. Oct. 7, 1828; m. Paul J. Allen, May 13, 1851; res. Bern. 5. William Sidney, b. Jan. 7, 1830; m. Laura Hastings of Gill, Apr. 19, 1856; d. July 4, 1871. 6. George Henry, b. Apr. 19, 1831; d. Nov. 4, 1831. 7. George Alvin, b. Oct. 25, 1832; m. Emily Green of Alstead, N. H. 8. Matilda Jane, b. Jan. 5, 1834; d. Jan. 20, 1853. 9. Elizabeth E., b. Apr. 2, 1835; d. Jan. 27, 1856. 10. Charles Alex, b. July 3, 1837; d. Newbern, N. C., Oct. 10, 1864; he was a member of the 15th Conn. Vol. 11. Anne K., b. Nov. 4, 1838; m. Albert Frank Totman June 23, 1864; she d. at Easthampton, June 22, 1901. 12. Susan Edna, b. July 30, 1840; m. Joseph Gray, 1860; res. New Haven, Ct. 13. Ada Harriet, b. in Greenfield, Feb. 10, 1842; m. Simeon B. Childs of Iowa, Mch. 29, 1865. 14. Grace Wellman, b. in Bern. Feb. 18, 1845; m. Sept. 18, 1869, Edward P. Pomeroy.

BREWSTER, OLIVER, was early of Lebanon, Ct., coming thence to town in 1765. Dec. 1769, it was voted to meet at his house "eight sabbaths of the winter ensuing." This action was taken in accordance with the then prevailing custom in Bernardston to thus provide for a place of worship during the most severe portion of the winter season, the meetinghouse being probably a little more frigid than even puritanical training could endure. He also held one or two minor town offices as late as 1776. Of his family little is known. A dau. Ruby m. about 1749, Henry Bliss, and resided later in Colrain; had Calvin Bliss, who was a resident of Fall Town Gore.

BRIGGS, OWEN, b. about 1758; enlisted in the Revolutionary army July 24, 1780, for three months; was discharged Oct. 10, 1780.

BROOKS, DANIEL, m. Patty<sup>3</sup>, dau. of Samuel<sup>2</sup> Green. She was born May 4, 1799. He first appears in Gill, settling near the Bernardston line; d., ae. about 51 years. Children:

- i. GEORGE W., m. Jane S. Donelson of Colrain. She d. Jan. 30, 1877. ae. 51 yrs. He was a carpenter, residing north of the New England House. Had: 1. Maria L., m. Frank O. Pike; resides Athol. 2. Mary C., m. Myron T. Graves of Montague, where she d. June 14, 1882, ae. 24 years. 3. Fred, who is dead.
- ii. MARTHA, m. Chauncey Lincoln of Montague.
- iii. EUNICE, b. Sept. 12, 1827; m. Samuel Connable, Oct. 6, 1848; she d. Sept. 20, 1886.
- iv. ELECTA, m. Erastus Wood of Monson.

BROOKS, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, Dr. (Nathaniel<sup>1</sup> Capt. of Worcester,) b. in Worcester Jan. 12, 1783. When about sixteen years of age he began teaching winters, which occupation he followed for eight winters. In the interim he learned the trade of bookbinding, and followed this with his teaching. In the fall of 1802 he went to Walpole, N. H., where he remained for two or three years. In 1804 he engaged in the study of medicine at Westminster, Vt., spending some three years with different physicians and in attending medical lectures, then began the practice of medicine and surgery in Newfane, Vt., where he resided fourteen years and built up an extensive business. He represented that town in the legislature. In 1819, on account of an extremely distressing illness of his wife, he relinquished his practice and removed to Dummerston, Vt., remaining about two years. During this time he began preaching the doctrine of universal restoration, and in response to a call from the First Restorationist, afterwards the Universalist church in Bernardston, removed thence in 1822, and settled there as a preacher of that doctrine. During his long residence in town he was honored by election and appointment to various positions of trust. In 1824 he was representative to the General Court, and re-elected for seven



consecutive terms. After a residence here of about five years, he was called upon to such an extent as a physician that he abandoned the ministry, intending to resume preaching, however, at some future time, but this was prevented by a chronic throat difficulty, and thereafter until past the age of eighty years, he was favorably known as one of the leading physicians of the place. Dr. Brooks acquired a considerable local reputation as a writer both of prose and poetry. A portion of a poem upon the Centennial celebration of the place is found in the earlier pages of this volume, while several of his sermons and some controversial writings upon religious subjects were published as they appeared. The last years of his life he became convinced of the benefits of total abstinence and accordingly gave up the use of ardent spirits, tea, coffee and tobacco, after a moderate use of all for more than sixty years. "And I only wonder that I indulged in their use so long." Dr. Brook's home was for many years on the site of the present Alford place, Cedar Lawn, on South street. He m. (1) Mch. 19, 1807, Nancy Reddington of Walpole, N. H. She d. Mch. 30, 1823, and Sept. 28 following, he m. (2) Mary, dau. of Moses Bascom of Gill. She d. Mch. 9, 1862, aged 66 years. He died Sept. 9, 1866. Children:

- i. MARY CAROLINE<sup>3</sup>, b. Mch. 6, 1808, in Newfane, Vt.; m. 1843, Col. Jesse Smith of Philadelphia, N. Y. She d. in Janesville, Wis., Feb. 10, 1896.
- ii. SIDNEY REDDINGTON<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 25, 1809; d. Dec. 15, 1813.
- iii. JOHN<sup>3</sup>, b. July 31; d. Aug. 15, 1811.
- iv. NANCY<sup>3</sup>, b. Dec. 16, 1812; d. Feb., 1813.
- v. JOHN PRENTISS<sup>3</sup>, b. Dec. 22, 1813; d. Feb. 11, 1823.
- vi. NANCY<sup>3</sup>, b. May 7, 1816; m. Apr., 1847, Stephen Gore of Bern. She d. 189—.
- vii. CATHERINE<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 21, 1818; m. 1844, Linus Yale, Jr., the inventor of the Yale lock; resided in Shelburne Falls. She d. in Deerfield, Mch. 22, 1900. "Mrs. Yale had an excellent literary faculty and a beautiful and delicate imagination. She wrote much for the Home Journal of N. Y. when Nathl. P. Willis was editor. With her unusual talents, Mrs. Yale might easily have

been a figure in American literature; as it is, aside from her 'Story of the Old Willard House'—the Manse (Deerfield), which was her last home—and a very charming wonder-book published two or three years ago, she had sent out to the reading world no evidence of her ability."

viii. ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup>, b. June 14, 1821, in Dummerston; m. 1844, Charles Carter of N. Y. City; d. Oct. 17, 1859.

ix. FANNIE<sup>3</sup>, b. Jan. 25, 1823; d. Apr. 12, 1823.

By second wife:

x. JANE CENTER<sup>3</sup>, b. July 1, 1824; d. Sept. 26, 1825.

2. xi. SILAS NEWTON<sup>3</sup>, b. Dec. 30, 1825.

xii. JANE FRANCES<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 1, 1831; m. June 24, 1853, Halbert S. Greenleaf, Col. of the 52nd Reg., Mass. Vol., in the late war; resides in Rochester, N. Y.

2. BROOKS, SILAS NEWTON<sup>3</sup>, (Dr. John<sup>2</sup> Capt. Nathaniel<sup>1</sup>), b. Dec. 30, 1825; m. Apr. 24, 1849, Melissa, dau. Isaac and Rebecca L. (Connable) Burrows of Bern. She was b. Mch. 8, 1829. Mr. Brooks' earlier life was spent in his native town where his wide spread influence was always exerted for her best interests. His business in addition to his agricultural pursuits was that of manufacturing farm tools in company with Mr. E. S. Hulbert. He also found time for and successfully devoted himself to the civil affairs of the place. For about thirty years he most satisfactorily filled such positions as town clerk and treasurer, trustee of Powers Institute, and one of the school board, for three years representing his constituents in the Massachusetts Legislature, two years in the House, and one in the Senate, besides being an actively interested member of the Franklin County Agricultural Society. He had the settlement of many sizable estates, among others the Cushman estate, of which he was executor and trustee, and which he had in charge at the time of his death. In 1871 he removed to Chicago to engage in the lock manufacturing business, in the firm of Sargeant, Greenleaf and Brooks. In his new home he was quickly looked upon as a man of much intelligence and business ability. He was a

prominent and highly respected member of the Massachusetts Society of Chicago. He d. in Chicago, Ill., April 15, 1897. Children :

- i. MARY AMELIA<sup>4</sup>, b. Apr. 29, 1850; d. ae. about four.
- ii. JOHN<sup>4</sup>, b. May 31, 1852. For many years he was salesman for a large dry goods house of Boston, which place he made his headquarters. He m. in Greenwich, N. Y., Lena Mowry Lobdell of that place, for a few years made that his home, removing thence to Greenfield where he resided until 1900, when, engaging in the dry goods business for himself in Albany, he went there to live. Had: 1. A son, who d. young. 2. Bernard.
- iii. HALBERT GREENLEAF<sup>4</sup>, b. Mch. 13, 1858; m. Emma Hinchman Sept. 13, 18—; resides in Chicago, Ill., where he is engaged in the wholesale hardware business. Had: 1. Clara<sup>5</sup>. 2. Edwin<sup>5</sup>. 3. Bryant<sup>5</sup>. 4. Florence<sup>5</sup>.
- iv. BRYANT BUTLER<sup>4</sup>, b. Feb. 5, 1861; m. Mary Willard of Nebraska; resides in Caspar, Wyoming. Mr. Brooks has occupied a prominent position in the political affairs of his section, and has proven himself no novice in literary work, articles from his pen having appeared in the leading magazines. Had: 1. Jennie. 2. Abbie. 3. Melissa. 4. Lena. 5. Silas N.
- v. JEANNIE MELISSA<sup>4</sup>, b. Dec. 27, 1868; m. (1) ——— Somers; (2) Feb. 6, 1900, Frederick H. Jones of Chicago, Ill., where she resides; two children.

BROWN, BENONI, was surveyor of clapboards and shingles, 1782; m. Feb. 11, 1784, Mercy, dau. Nathaniel Dickinson of Northfield. She was b. Dec. 22, 1742.

BROWN, JASON, b. in 1802; m. in Guilford, Vt., Mary, dau. of Artemas Sheldon, and widow of Simeon Cushman. She d. Oct. 25, 1875. He m. (2) Lucy (Gaines) widow of Silas Scott. He d. Jan. 30, 1890. He resided near E. S. Hulbert's factory. Children :

- i. HENRY<sup>2</sup>, b. Mch. 27, 1828; d. Feb. 3, 1830.
- ii. HENRY CUMMINS<sup>2</sup>, b. Jan. 8, 1830; d. Aug. 17, 1831.

BROWN, IMLA K.<sup>2</sup>, (Isaac and Delinda Keep. Isaac Brown was b. in Dover, Vt., in 1793, removing to Guilford when 10 years of age; he m. Delinda Keep, b. in Groton, Mass., in 1790.)

b. in Guilford, Vt, May 4, 1815; m. (1) Mch. 27, 1838, Eunice Emeline<sup>a</sup>, dau. Capt. Jonathan<sup>a</sup> Connable. She d. June 4, 1872; he m. (2) Nov. 17, 1874, Hattie Cook, dau. of Hart Larrabee of Greenfield. During the winters of 1837 and 8, he taught in Bernardston and while there married, immediately after taking up his permanent residence in town, locating on the place then owned by his father-in-law in North Bernardston, and which he afterward purchased. He brought to his work energy, intelligence and good judgment, and soon became one of the town's most successful farmers. He held many positions of trust, served as selectman for several years, was a trustee of Powers Institute from its establishment, likewise of Cushman Library, of which he was president after Mr. Cushman's death in 1866, a member of the New England and Franklin County Agricultural Societies, for two years president of the latter, and for three years represented the county in the State Board of Agriculture. Mr. Brown was a constant attendant at and a liberal supporter of the Unitarian church. He d. Jan. 10, 1892. Mrs. Brown resides on Church street. Children:

- i. LAURA KEEP<sup>3</sup>, b. Jan. 16, 1841; m. Jan. 16, 1861, Henry Clay<sup>8</sup> Cushman; resides South street.
- ii. EMMA WRIGHT<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 2, 1846; m. Mch. 6, 1866, J. Howe Demond. She d. in Northampton, 1894. Had two daughters.
- iii. ABBOTT CHANNING<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 23, 1849; m. Dec. 17, 1873, Nellie Susan, dau. Charles C. and Chastina (Hardy) Noyes, born in Franklin, N. H., Feb. 6, 1854. Mr. Brown has been actively interested in educational matters, both as a teacher in his early manhood, and for a long time as a member of the school board. He owns the fine ancestral farm at North Bernardston. Mrs. Brown is and has always been, since her residence in town, actively interested in music. She has been for many years the much appreciated organist of the Unitarian church. Had: 1. Susie Noyes<sup>4</sup>, b. Mch. 16, 1875; m. Oct. 17, 1894, William Tyler of Vernon, Vt.; res. Boston; two children. 2. Emma Nellie<sup>4</sup>, b. Apr. 1890; d. Mch. 11, 1901.

1. BURK, JOHN MAJ.<sup>3</sup>, b. Nov. 28, 1717, in Hatfield, and was son of

John Burk and Mehitable Hastings. John Burk, the father, was b. in Northampton in 1689, and was the son of Richard Burk and Sarah (Woodford) Allen. The origin of the family is not positively known, but one Richard Burk, whose wife was Mary Parmenter, d. at Sudbury, in 1693-4; m. Sarah<sup>6</sup>, dau. Lieut. Jonathan and Mary (Field) Hoyt of Deerfield, Dec. 6, 1740. She was born July 9, 1719; d. Aug. 16, 1815. Major Burk was one of the first settlers in town, and a fuller account of his life than it is possible to give here, is embodied in the preceding pages. His home was the Burk Fort upon Burk Flat. He bought Lot. No. 43, 2nd division. Nov. 27, 1761, he bought of Widow Ruth Burnham, Elisha Burnham, Widow Sarah Hooker of Farmington, John Allen and Ruth, his wife, of Windsor, all of Hartford Co., Conn., Lot No. 71, 2nd division of meadow land. May 10, 1749, he purchased of Remembrance and Mehitable Sheldon the "original site No. 43." He also owned Nos. 49 and 152, 3rd division, laid out in 1743. To this plan is annexed this note: "No. 152 joyns on Fath Sheldon 96 R on M. Scott 76 next to Coats Swamp 57 ye N end 64 Rods." Of Josiah Griswold of Wethersfield, Ct., he bought No. 42, 2nd division of meadow lots, June 23, 1749. Apr. 14, 1781, he secured 13 acres, a part of Draft No. 68, 4th division. "It jynes Southerly on Land Belong to Doc Williams and weft on Land Belonging Alfees Beftow." (Alpheus Barstow). His life was one of continued activity. In 1742 he was chosen one of the committee to lay out highways. In 1766 he was assessor and collector, surveyor of highways 1775, selectman from 1766 to 1780, the years 1765, 1774-5 and 8 excepted; Committee of Correspondence Inspection and Safety 1777, town treasurer 1782, 83, 84, and for many years her representative to the General Court. He died at Deerfield while there attending a convention, Oct. 27, 1784. Children:

- i. SARAH<sup>4</sup>, b. at Hatfield; m. Joel Chapin.
- ii. RUTH<sup>4</sup>, bap. at Deerfield May 31, 1752.
- iii. MEHITABLE<sup>4</sup>, b. at Bernardston, July 15, 1753; m. Capt. Jonathan Slate; d. Feb. 8, 1823.



- iv. LYDIA<sup>4</sup>, b. April 4, 1755, in Bernardston; m. Dea. Jesse<sup>5</sup> Field.  
She d. May 26, 1808.
2. v. JOHN<sup>4</sup>, b. Sept. 15, 1760.
2. BURK, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, (Maj. John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>.) b. Sept. 15, 1760; m.  
Lovina ———. He d. July 17, 1796. She m. (2) Feb. 1, 1809,  
Solomon Smead of Greenfield (his second wife). She died  
Mch. 28, 1829, ae. 64 yrs. He built and lived in the house  
on Burk Flat formerly on the site of the present Atherton  
place, opposite the road leading across Burk bridge. Children:
3. i. JOHN<sup>5</sup>, b. May 8, 1785.  
ii. HORACE<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 25, 1788; m. Lovina F.<sup>3</sup>, dau. Lieut. Israel<sup>2</sup> Hale,  
Oct. 22, 1812. He d. Nov. 26, 1815. She m. (2) Alpheus<sup>7</sup> Chapin  
Nov. 14, 1816. She d. Aug. 21, 1843.  
iii. DANIEL LOOMIS<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 9, 1791, d. May 12, 1822.  
iv. LOVINA<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 6, 1793; d. Aug. 21, 1794.
3. BURK, JOHN<sup>6</sup>, (John<sup>4</sup>, Major John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>.) b. May 8, 1785;  
m. Roxy Morely of Gill. Their intention was published  
Sept. 27, 1806. She d. July 15, 1816, ae. 28. He d. June 7,  
1813. Children:
- i. LEVINA<sup>6</sup> ROWENA, b. Aug. 19, 1807; d. July 18, 1824.  
ii. JOHN ERIE<sup>6</sup>, b. 1810; m. Elvira L.<sup>4</sup>, dau. Elias Parmenter June 7,  
1829. She was b. Aug. 10, 1807; d. Nov. 16, 1897. He was  
for many years a deacon in the Baptist church; was selectman  
1844-5-6-9-50; a representative in the Legislature; a justice of  
the peace, and at the time of his death had just been elected  
one of the trustees of Powers Institute. He was a man greatly  
beloved and his death, which occurred Mch. 23, 1858, was deeply  
regretted. Had: 1. Infant dau.<sup>7</sup>, d. Mch. 2, 1831. 2. John  
E.<sup>7</sup>, b. 1838; d. young. 3. Corisann Elvira<sup>7</sup>, d. Dec. 11,  
1841, ae. 3 years.

BURNHAM, ELIPHAS, was in town in 1769. In 1772 he was chosen  
warden.

BURNHAM, ELISHA, Capt.<sup>5</sup> (Capt., William<sup>4</sup> of Farmington, Ct., Rev.  
William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup> of Kensington, Ct.) b. Feb. 12,  
1730; m. Sept. 7, 1749, Jerusha Lee. He was quite a promi-

ment man in town, serving as selectman 1774-75-77-80-88; a member of the Committee of Correspondence and Inspection 1775, of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety 1776-77; was warden 1782-83. He resided in Leyden at the foot of Frizzell Hill. For some years after the incorporation of the district of Leyden, the mail for that place was carried by Mr. Burnham from Greenfield, he making the trip on foot. He d. May 28, 1815, and is buried in Beaver Meadow. Children:

- i. WILLIAM<sup>6</sup>, b. Oct. 14, 1750; d. young.
- ii. JERUSA<sup>6</sup>, b. May 27, 1752; m. Oct. 15, 1772, Selah Chapin of Leyden; she d. — 1817.
- iii. ROXALINDA<sup>6</sup>, b. May 1, 1754; m.
- iv. ABIGAIL<sup>6</sup>, b. June 7, 1756; m.
- v. CHLOE<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 28, 1757; m.
- vi. SYLVIA<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan. 7, 1760; d. Mch. 3, 1769.
- vii. WILLIAM<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 25, 1764; m.
- viii. RUTH<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 5, 1766; m. Dec. 22, 1789, Hezekiah<sup>7</sup> Newcomb; d. Apr. 9, 1846.

In addition to these children as given in the Burnham genealogy, there were also:

- ix. SYLVIA<sup>6</sup>, b. about 1767; m. about 1790, Dr. Cyrenius<sup>6</sup> Chapin; "said to be the handsomest girl ever married in the Congregational meetinghouse." She resided at Buffalo, N. Y., where she d. Oct. 1, 1863.
- x. ELISHA<sup>6</sup>, b. about 1772; m. Mehitable Caswell, 1797; he died Nov. 14, 1841, ae. 69.

BURROWS: The earliest account of this family dates from the latter part of the tenth century, they being descended from the Normans and people of distinction. The first known ancestor was Fulbert, an officer under Robert 2nd, fifth Duke of Normandy. The family dates from the year 978, located at Falaise, the Norman name being DeBurghe. At the conquest of England by William the Conqueror in 1066, Herohir DeBurghe, Lord of Contraville, "by Profession a tanner and engaged extensively in the business" was granted large estates in England, where the family name extending over six

centuries and a territory from the vicinity of London to Manchester. received three spellings, becoming Anglicized from the Normon form DeBurghe to Burrows, Burrowes and Burroughs. The English history of the family runs through thirty-six generations. Their family have a coat of arms, crests and heraldic insignia, the motto being "Audaces fortuna jurat"—"Fortune favors the Brave", and this has been admirably illustrated in the Bernardston branch of the family. With the Pilgrims in 1635, it is claimed that there came from Manchester, England, three brothers, John, William and Robert. The two former settled in Pennsylvania and New York. Robert removed early from the neighborhood of Boston settling at Wethersfield, Ct.; thence, about 1643, with a few others, he went to and made a settlement at Pequoit, now New London. His grant of land there situated on the west bank of the Mystic river dates 1651, "Goodman Robert Burrows was chosen first ferryman to ferry horse and man across Mystic river for a groat" (four pence.) From this Robert Burrows is descended Joshua of Groton, Ct., the ancestor of the Bernardston branch of the family. He m. Jane ———, and d. Dec. 31, 1775, at the age of 26 yrs. She m. (2) a Mr. Davis of Leyden, where they resided and had a large family of children. She d. Aug. 12, 1818, ae. 70 years. Children:

- i. JOSHUA<sup>2</sup>.
- ii. WILLSWORTH<sup>2</sup>; one of these sons were drowned. The other was the ancestor of Mrs. Lurancy Burrows, wife of Horace Smith.
2. iii. AMOS<sup>2</sup>, b. Aug. 16, 1772.

In several families of the first settlers of the town there are marked characteristics running down the generations, and it seems well to note these. Following out the motto of their transatlantic kinsmen, the Burrows family have acquired for themselves a more than local name. Always hearty, they displayed cordiality and hospitality to an unusual extent.

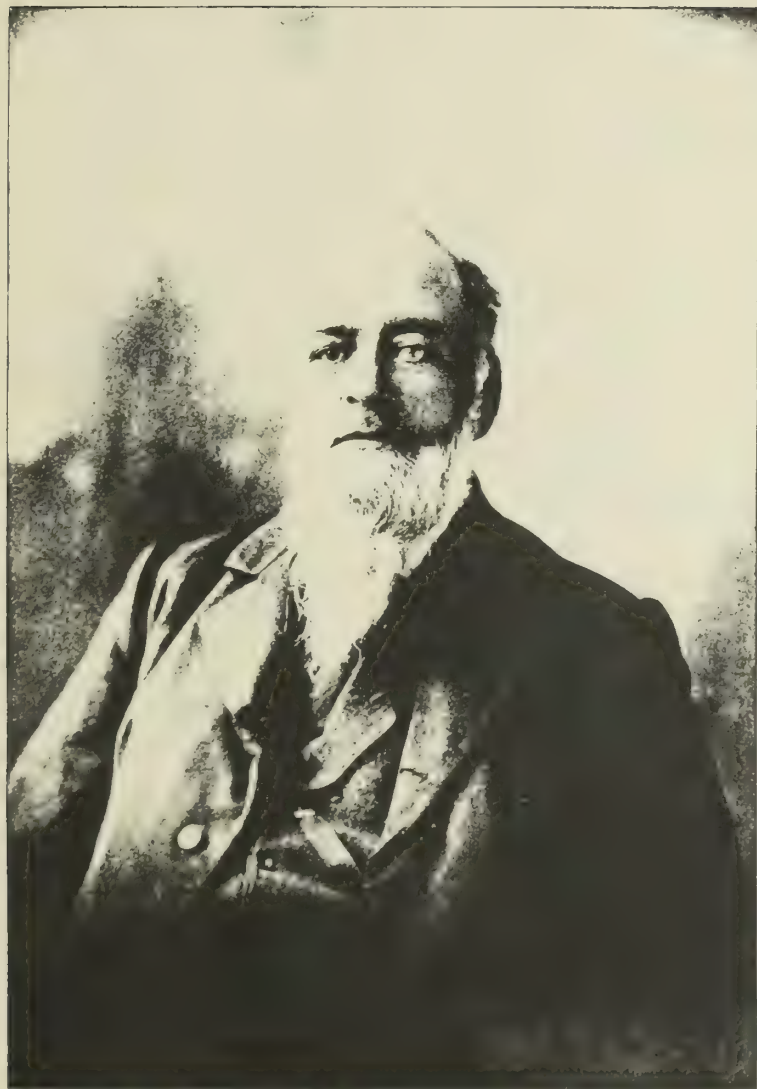
2. BURROWS, AMOS<sup>2</sup>, (Joshua), b. Aug. 10, 1772. When twelve years of age he was bound out to learn a blacksmith's trade in

Groton, Ct. When a young man he came to Leyden, settling south of the Beaver Meadow cemetery. The cellar hole is still to be seen. Here he resided until 1814, when he removed to Gill, settling on the place recently owned by his son, the late Nelson Burrows. While in Beaver Meadow he was prominent among the Dorrellites, being treasurer of that sect. See *ante*, pages 186-8. He m. Nov. 17, 1794, Phoebe<sup>7</sup>, dau. of John<sup>6</sup> Hunt of Leyden or North Bernardston. She was b. in Bern. Oct. 3, 1776. She was a remarkable woman, a type of energy, endurance, enterprise and power, and withal a strongly religious woman. She d. Apr. 24, 1862. Mr. Burrows d. Dec. 31, 1855. Children:

- i. JOHN HUNT<sup>3</sup>, b. June 7, 1795; d. young.
3. ii. ISAAC<sup>3</sup>, b. Mch. 24, 1797, in Leyden.
- iii. ERASTUS<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 24, 1800; m. Fanny, dau. John Hamilton, October 17, 1820. She was b. Oct. 17, 1802, d. July 15, 1885. He resided near Mt. Hermon station; d. Apr. 10, 1869. Had:
  1. Asenath<sup>4</sup>, b. Apr. 8, d. Apr. 13, 1822.
  2. Jane A.<sup>4</sup>, born July 9, 1823; m. Orren Slate. She d. Apr. 1, 1865.
  3. Joanna M.<sup>4</sup>, b. June 12, 1825; m. (1) George K. Butterfield; (2) David Dunnell; res. Greenfield.
  4. Amos<sup>4</sup>, b. Feb. 19, 1828; d. in Buffalo, N. Y.
  5. John H.<sup>4</sup>, b. May 23, 1830; res. Boston.
  6. Washington I.<sup>4</sup>, b. Dec. 24, 1833; res. Pennsylvania.
  7. Andrew Ashley<sup>4</sup>, b. Jan. 25, 1837; res. Greenfield.
  8. Fanny Ellen<sup>4</sup>, b. July 19, 1839; m. Mr. Fish; res. Ill.
  9. Isabel A.<sup>4</sup>, m. Lewis Morse; res. Boston.
  10. Mary<sup>4</sup>, m. Ed. Felton; res. Northampton.
4. iv. SALMON HUNT<sup>3</sup>, b. Dec. 11, 1802.
  - v. AMANDA MARTHA<sup>3</sup>, b. Mch. 5, 1805; m. Phineas D. Keyes Apr. 8, 1834.
  - vi. LURA MARIA<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept. 13, 1807; m. Eliphalet Sawtell, Dec. 9, 1823; res. Greenfield, where their children and grand-children still live.
  - vii. HORACE<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 5, 1809; m. Martha Remington, Jan. 2, 1838; d. Oct. 3, 1864; resided Gill; had son George, who res. Conn.
5. viii. JARVIS FISH<sup>3</sup>, b. Jan. 16, 1812.
  - ix. MARTHA ALMIRA<sup>3</sup>, b. July 22, 1814; m. George W.<sup>8</sup> Newcomb, Jan. 1, 1824; res. Bolton, Mass.

- x. NELSON<sup>3</sup>, b. Mch. 12, 1817; m. Feb. 11, 1840, Phoebe L., dau. Levi Park. She was b. Sept. 22, 1818; d. June 5, 1901. Mr. Burrows inherited a part of and resided in the home of his father, Amos. He was a man prominently connected with civil affairs, being one of the leading men of Gill, where he held town offices. Was County commissioner several years, president of the Franklin Mutual Insurance Company, director in the Greenfield Savings Bank. His Masonic affiliations were with the fraternity at Greenfield; d. Feb. 28, 1900. Had: 1. Martha M.<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 21, 1841; m. (1) Park D.<sup>8</sup> Shattuck, Jan. 3, 1865. He d. Dec. 5, 1868; m. (2) John Sprague, Oct. 14, 1874, who d. Sept. 8, 1879; m. (3) in 1890, Horace Bailey; res. at her old home, the Nelson Burrows place. 2. Dau.<sup>4</sup>, b. and d. Aug. 9, 1846. 3. Baxter P.<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 21, 1847; m. (1) Jan. 19, 1870, Josie R. Johnson, who d. Nov. 11, 1878; m. (2) Dec. 16, 1880, Abbie I. Pickett, who d. Sept. 18, 1887; m. (3) Oct. 2, 1888, Lucy F. Field. He resided several years with his father, and later on the Salmon Burrows place, as a farmer. He now resides on South street, Bernardston, being extensively engaged in lumbering. Children: 1. Nelson Park<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 8; d. Apr. 28, 1871. 2. Mabelle J.<sup>5</sup>, b. Aug. 20, 1872; d. Apr. 29, 1888. 3. Beulah M.<sup>5</sup>, b. March 22, 1875; m. James T. Downs; res. New Haven, Ct. She d. July 19, 1898. 4. Burton N.<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 17, 1878. 5. Leon O.<sup>5</sup>, b. July 9, 1883.
3. BURROWS, ISAAC<sup>3</sup>, (Amos<sup>2</sup>, Joshua<sup>1</sup>.) b. Mch. 24, 1797; m. Rebecca Louisa<sup>6</sup>, dau. Capt. Jonathan<sup>5</sup> and Asenath (Wright) Connable, Oct. 30, 1821. She was b. June 13, 1803, and d. Apr. 6, 1874. He resided during the greater part of his life on what was a part of the old David Ryther farm, afterwards owned by E. C. Burrows, and more recently by Frank Burrows. Later he built and resided in the house nearly opposite, now owned and occupied as a summer residence by his grandson, George E. Burrows. He was selectman for eleven years; d. Dec. 4, 1865. Children:
6. i. GEORGE HUNT<sup>4</sup>, b. Dec. 21, 1822.  
 ii. JULIA LOUISA<sup>4</sup>, b. Sept. 21, 1826; m. Apr. 22, 1845, Barnabas<sup>8</sup> Snow.  
 iii. MELISSA MINERVA<sup>4</sup>, b. Mch. 8, 1829; m. Apr. 24, 1849, Silas<sup>3</sup> Newton, son of Dr. John<sup>2</sup> Brooks.  
 iv. FRANK LORENZO<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 11, 1831; m. Nov. 28, 1855, Josephine Sarepta<sup>3</sup>, dau. Amos<sup>2</sup> and Sarepta (Cushman) Carrier. She was





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- b. Nov. 3, 1834; d. Sept. 15, 1892. For many years Mr. Burrows was engaged in railroading in the west. Upon his retirement from that work he came back to town, whither his family had preceded him, and purchased his father's old place, which he greatly improved. His own residence was on South street, the place formerly owned by Amos Carrier. He d. Oct. 3, 1901. Had: 1. Maveret Philena<sup>5</sup>, b. Aug. 10, 1867; m. Harry A. Perry, May 28, 1890; res. Manhattan, Kansas. Three children.
- v. EDWIN CONNABLE<sup>4</sup>, b. Feb. 6, 1834; m. Nov. 27, 1860, Isabelle Maria<sup>8</sup>, dau. of John S. and Elizabeth Allen. She was b. September 23, 1843. Until 1885 they resided on the old Burrows homestead. This they then sold to O. W. Gray, and rem. to their present home, the Sumner Hale place. Had: 1. Charles Edwin<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 23, 1862; m. Nov. 14, 1894, Florence Maude, dau. of William Atherton of Gill. Has: Ruth Augusta<sup>6</sup>, b. Sept. 7, 1895. They now reside in Gill. 2. Elizabeth Rebecca<sup>5</sup>, born Apr. 7, 1865; m. Apr. 19, 1883, John William Handforth of Greenfield. She d. Feb. 3, 1895; four children. 3. Abby Maria<sup>5</sup>, b. Apr. 28, 1869; m. June 12, 1899, John G. Bryant of Windsor, Vt.; res. Greenfield, Mass. 4. Sadie Henrietta<sup>5</sup>, b. July 29, 1871; m. Mch. 12, 1901, Eben Learned Ashley; res. Flat Willow, Montana. 5. Ellen Louise<sup>5</sup>, b. July 18, 1874; m. Wallace J. Harrington, Dec. 21, 1892; res. Riverside, Gill.
- vi. HENRIETTA WRIGHT<sup>4</sup>, b. Feb. 26, 1837; m. Dec. 23, 1856, Ezekiel C.<sup>4</sup>, son of Horace<sup>3</sup> Hale.
- vii. FREDERICK ALBERT<sup>4</sup>, b. July 12, 1839, went West.
- viii. ABBIE MARIA<sup>4</sup>, b. Feb. 7, 1841; m. Mch. 13, 1866, Lucien W. Coy, a banker of Little Rock, Ark. Prior to her marriage she was a teacher and superintendent of schools at Winchester, N. H. In commemoration of the place of her nativity and the home of her ancestors, she has recently donated to the town a clock which is to be placed on the town hall. Had: 1. Jennie Evelyn, b. July 8, 1868; is m. and lives in Brookline. 2. Julia Louisa, b. July 22, 1870; is m. and lives in Bethlehem, Pa. 3. Lucien W. Jr., b. Jan. 25, 1879; was professor in Institute of Technology, Boston; is now in the Phillipines, serving in the Red Cross hospital corps.

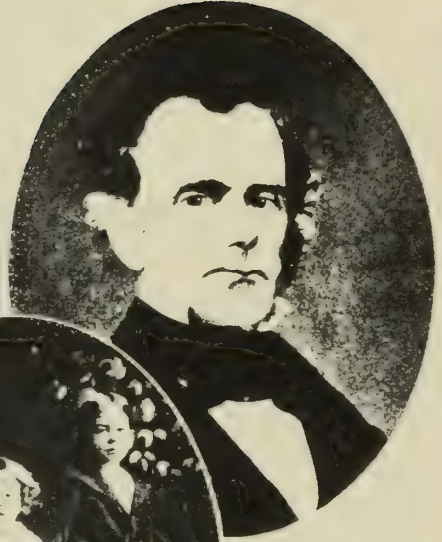
4. BURROWS, SALMON HUNT<sup>3</sup>, (Amos<sup>2</sup>, Joshua<sup>1</sup>.) b. Dec. 11, 1802; m. Miranda A.<sup>2</sup>, dau. of Levi<sup>2</sup> Park, May 27, 1829. She was b.

May 25, 1809, and d. Oct. 15, 1875. He resided in the east part of Bernardston, the farm adjoining his farther's, Amos Burrows. The buildings have been destroyed by fire. He d. Feb. 20, 1855. Children:

- i. BARNARD HUNT<sup>4</sup>, b. July 17, 1831; m. Susie Gould, Dec. 14, 1858; rem. West, making his home in Cambridge, Ill. He d. Apr. 3, 1896.
  - ii. BRYANT SALMON<sup>4</sup>, b. June 26, 1834; m. Mary E., dau. of Lyman Griswold, May 3, 1860. She was b. Jan. 31, 1835. He was selectman 1864-5, many years a member of the school committee; taught many years; resided in the east part of the town. He d. Oct. 12, 1880, of injuries received by falling from a load of hay. Had: 1. Willie S.<sup>5</sup>, b. July 13, d. July 21, 1862. 2. Clayton H.<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 3, 1864; drowned at Shelburne Falls Sept 5, 1884. 3. Urania<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 19, 1863; res. Shelburne Falls.
  - iii. LEVI PARK<sup>4</sup>, b. Mch. 4, 1836; m. (1) Nancy M. Bascom, Nov. 28, 1857. She d. May 30, 1863. He m. (2) Phedora<sup>9</sup>, dau. Robert Cushman, Apr. 25, 1865. She was born Nov. 23, 1839; d. July 11, 1899. He resides in Greenfield. Had: 1. Stella N.<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 4, 1868; m. Harry Beebe; res. Greenfield. 2. Levi C.<sup>5</sup>, b. Mch. 22; d. May 27, 1878.
  - iv. PHOEBE JOSEPHINE<sup>4</sup>, b. Mch. 26, 1839; m. Charles H. Tyler, Apr. 26, 1857. She d. in Shelburne Falls, June 8, 1896.
  - v. EMERGENE M.<sup>4</sup>, b. July 4, 1845; m. Henry B. Green of Vernon, Vt., May 4, 1864; d. Sept. 27, 1875.
5. BURROWS, JARVIS FISH<sup>3</sup>, (Amos<sup>2</sup>, Joshua<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 16, 1812; m. Beulah Minerva Wright, Mch. 31, 1835. She was b. May 17, 1804; d. Feb. 24, 1889. He resided in Vernon, Vt., where for many years he was the popular landlord of the Burrows hotel. He d. Sept. 23, 1875. Children:
- i. HUNT W.<sup>4</sup>, b. Jan. 28, 1836; m. Isabella J., dau. of Pliney R. Warner, Apr. 29, 1858; resided in Vernon, Vt., where he d. July 3, 1874. She still lives in Vernon, Vt. Had: 1. Silas Epaphro<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 27, d. Sept. 1, 1859. 2. Jarvis Fish<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 26, 1861; res. Vernon. 3. George Warner<sup>5</sup>, b. Apr. 25, 1863; d. Apr. 2, 1864. 4. Warner Hunt<sup>5</sup> Wright<sup>5</sup>, b. July 24, 1865; res. Vernon.
  - ii. BEULAH M.<sup>4</sup>, b. Feb. 11, 1840; d. Feb. 8, 1842.
  - iii. Infant son, d. 1844.







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6. BURROWS, GEORGE, HUNT<sup>1</sup>, (Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Amos<sup>2</sup>, Joshua<sup>1</sup>), b. Dec. 21, 1822; m. Sept. 11, 1850, Mary Elizabeth, dau. Gen. B. F. Cook of Northampton. She d. July 19, 1881. Mr. Burrows was in the employ of the Connecticut River railroad for ten years, being the first conductor of passenger trains to run into Greenfield and Northampton. In 1852 he was superintendent of the Rochester, Lockport and Niagara Falls road, resigning in 1855 to become general superintendent of the Toledo, Wabash and Western Railway. He continued in the service of different roads until 1873, when he assumed control of the western division of the New York Central, when the best known work of his life began. In 1893 he tendered his resignation; the management of the Central road refused to listen to his proposition, but instead, prevailed upon him to accept a leave of absence for one year. During this time he visited Europe, the Holy Land and Egypt. He returned in the spring, but did not again take up active business employments. He d. Mch. 9, 1896, and is, as is also his wife, buried in Northampton. Children:

- i. GEORGE ELY<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 30, 1861; m. June 19, 1894, Fanny Brundage. Mr. Burrow's home is in Buffalo, N. Y., where he is a member of the firm of Matthews Northrup Publishing Co., being assistant treasurer. He has taken a deep interest in the success of this work, and much of interest concerning the earlier generations of the Burrows family was by him contributed. His father's old home in town he owns and occupies as a summer residence. Had: 1. Gordon Hunt<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan. 10, 1896. 2. John Brundage<sup>6</sup>, b. Nov. 15, 1897. 3. Frank Ely<sup>6</sup>. 4. George Matthews<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 6, 1901.
- ii. MARY ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 24, 1866; m. George E. Matthews; res. Buffalo. Had: 1. George Matthews. 2. Harriet Matthews. 3. Burrows Matthews.

BURT, ENOS H., Lt., b. 1785; m. Merry<sup>1</sup>, dau. Joseph<sup>2</sup> Atherton, Apr. 12, 1806. She was b. Apr. 26, 1787. He d. Feb. 23, 1814, and she m. (2) Joab Scott. She d. Feb. 20, 1876. Children:

- i. JOSEPH ATHERTON, b. 1807; d. July, 1810.
- ii. ENOS BARTLETT, b. 1809; d. Oct. 11, 1810.

- iii. ENOS, m; d. in Bern. His wife d. in Cortland, N. Y. Had: 1.  
Kate M., m. ——— Cherry; resides in Cortland, N. Y.
- iv. CATHERINE C., b. Sept. 28, 1813; m. Mch. 29, 1835, Charles S.  
Park. She d. Oct. 12, 1881.

CAIRNS, EGBERT<sup>4</sup> E., (Hugh<sup>2</sup>, who was b. in Ireland, Hugh<sup>2</sup>, who was b. in Scotland, Robert<sup>1</sup>, (?) of Scotland) b. Sept. 1, 1854; m. Sept. 16, 1885, Eva M. Mayo of Johnville, P. Q. She was b. Feb. 1, 1864. Mr. Cairns is a prosperous blacksmith, owning the old Dewey shop at the village. He came to town in Apr., 1891, from East Clifton, P. Q. About 1894 he purchased his present home of Mrs. Perry *nee* Cobleigh, on the street running north from the library. Children:

- i. ETHEL IRENE<sup>5</sup>, b. May 19, 1888.
- ii. EARL HAROLD<sup>5</sup>, b. May 5, 1890; d. Apr. 3, 1891.
- iii. HAROLD EGBERT<sup>5</sup>, b. June 4, 1893.
- iv. LELAND MAYO<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 5, 1898.

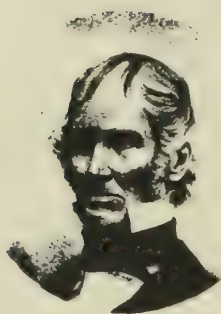
CAIRNS, JUSTIN A.<sup>4</sup>, (Hugh<sup>2</sup>, Hugh<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>, (?) ) brother of Egbert, b. June 11, 1857; m. Hannah, dau. of Joseph Taylor, June, 1882. She was b. Nov., 1857. Mr. Cairns came here in the fall of 1890, and about 1897, purchased the farm of the late Hartley Hale, "on the Green," which he successfully carries on. Children:

- i. ETHEL<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 23, 1885; d. Oct., 1885.
- ii. BERNICE A.<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 28, 1887.
- iii. Son, b. July 4, d. July —, 1897.

CAREY, RICHARD, was of Deerfield in 1747, Bernardston 1753, Greenfield 1759, Northfield 1760, Newberry, N. H. 1765, but soon returned to Northfield. He was b. 1717; m. June 19, 1759, Mary Frizzell of Bernardston. He was a soldier on the frontier 1755 to 1758. He d. Mch. 30, 1799. Children:

- i. DOROTHY<sup>2</sup>, b. June 30, 1760.
- ii. LYDIA<sup>2</sup>, b. Nov. 7, 1763.
- iii. PATIENCE<sup>2</sup>, b. Nov. 7, 1766; d. young.
- iv. Son<sup>2</sup>, b. Mch. 8, d. Apr. 2, 1777.
- v. PATIENCE<sup>2</sup>, bap. Aug. 8, 1773.
- vi. HULDAH<sup>2</sup>, bap. May 14, 1775.





CARPENTER HOMESTEAD DR. CARPENTER AND WIFE.



CARPENTER, DR. ELIJAH WOODWARD<sup>a</sup>, (John<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, David<sup>5</sup>, David<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.) was b. in Brattleboro, Vt., September 7, 1788; m. (1) Sophia Field of Northfield, Dec. 1, 1814. She was b. July 14, 1783; d. May 18, 1822. He m. (2) Vallonia, dau. of Dea. Timothy Slate, Dec. 5, 1822. She was b. Dec. 25, 1798; d. Aug. 23, 1873.

Dr. Carpenter came of good New England stock. The son of a Revolutionary soldier, who was with Washington at Valley Forge, and who emigrated to Vermont from the ancestral home at Rehoboth immediately after the war, he inherited to a marked degree those qualities which characterized the men and women of that period, and which won such success for him in after life. Working on a farm until he was twenty-one years old, he mastered the common branches by himself, and by attending one term at Brattleboro Academy, taught successfully, and then studied medicine for three years with Dr. Cyrus Washburn of Vernon, Vt., attending lectures also at Yale Medical College, and later at Berkshire Medical Institute. He began practice here in 1814, at first in North Bernardston, where he taught the district school in the winter of 1814-15. He soon removed to Bernardston village, living for a short time in the house of Hon. Polycarpus L. Cushman, then settling on the site of the familiar homestead (built 1829) on the corner of "the Green," a cut of which is herewith shown. Here he continued to live and to practice his profession in this and the neighboring towns until his death, Nov. 28, 1855. His funeral was held in the Unitarian church, Rev. Thomas Weston preaching the sermon, and the other pastors of the town assisting in the service. The sermon was published, together with a tribute from his life-long friend, Lieut. Gov. Cushman, extracts from which follow:

"For upward of forty years past, Dr. Carpenter has continued uninterruptedly, night and day, in storm and in sunshine, the practice of the profession to which he has given his whole attention and devoted all his energies. Success has, therefore, crowned his efforts. But few men have stood better with the community in which they have

lived for so long a period, or with the brethren of their profession. For many years he has been a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society and recently a Councillor of that society, and was President at the organization of the Franklin County Medical Society, being the senior member present. As a physician, he was neither a radical reformer nor an unyielding conservative, but early applied to his profession the injunction of Scripture, 'prove all things, hold fast that which is good.' Hence he was all his days a close student of Nature as well as Art. In his practice he was cautious and careful, believing that good nursing and the operation of nature were the great restorative remedies. He therefore had the entire love and confidence of his patients. \* \* \* In all the relations of life he was, emphatically, a *true man*. No one ever even suspected his integrity, for *honesty* and *reliability* were his most marked characteristics. He was for many years an active and valuable member of the school committee of Bernardston, and held other offices of honor and respectability.

Although Dr. Carpenter was never a member of any church, yet the religious element in his character was marked and decided. He was a constant attendant (when his professional duties would permit) on the services of the Unitarian society, and was for many years a teacher or superintendent of the Sunday School of that society. \* \* \* His whole life of threescore and seven years was a perfect commentary of what a good man and a Christian physician should be. But in the nearer relation of husband and father, Dr. Carpenter was most respected and beloved. There, at his own fireside, no one was ever truer or better. There, where a man will ever show his true character, he was a pattern of goodness and parental love, mingled with prudence and discretion."

Dr. Carpenter was an "old line Whig" in politics, but at the breaking up of that party, he promptly followed the anti-slavery movement, sending word by his neighbor Newcomb to a political convention at Greenfield, which he was unable to attend: "Tell them I am a true Free Soil Whig temperance Republican!" Children:

- i. EDWARD JENNER<sup>9</sup>, b. Aug. 4, 1825; m. Mary Jane, dau. of Lyman Frink of Greenfield, Feb. 14, 1850; she d. May 16, 1900. From 1849 proprietor of periodical bookstore in Brattleboro, Vt., and for twenty-seven years librarian of the Brattleboro library. He





THE CARPENTER FAMILY.

- removed to Amherst in 1896; d. there June 16, 1900. Had: 1. Clarence E., b. Mch. 31, 1851; civil engineer, Topeka, Kansas. 2. Edward W., b. July 1, 1856; printer and publisher, Amherst; m. Ester M. Hastings, Apr. 25, 1882; two children. 3. Allan Lawrence, b. Oct. 31, 1858; d. Feb. 25, 1860. 4. Maud, b. Oct. 11, 1867; m. Malcolm A. Carpenter, Mt. Auburn, Mass., Feb. 24, 1896; one child.
- ii. JOHN ERASMUS<sup>9</sup>, b. March 11, 1827; m. Elvira Homer of Chicopee Falls, July 8, 1851; she d. June 5, 1869. In early days clerk for Z. C. Newcomb, Bernardston, and also in Greenfield and Chicopee Falls; then bookkeeper for the C. R. R. R., at Springfield, and station agent at Northampton; went with George H. Burrows to Rochester, N. Y., in 1853, as paymaster on N. Y. Central R. R.; in 1855 to Toledo, O., as paymaster on Toledo, Wabash and Western R. R., filling that position until his death (the result of an accident, when on his pay train), Nov. 29, 1875. The following is quoted from the funeral sermon preached by his pastor at Toledo: "Reared by parents in whom the sturdiest truth and virtue bloomed and fruited in sunniest kindness and most active charity, and spending his life in a calling that gave him an extended and intimate acquaintance with his fellow-men, Mr. Carpenter inherited both in his blood and in the developing circumstances of his life, a large and true heart, which he suffered no trials or temptations ever to narrow or to harden, but which he preserved without change, except towards increasing generosity to the very end of his life. With that filial affection which cared for an aged mother even as she once cared for him, with that generous charity that moved so freely at every call of suffering, with that openness and kindness of soul which in so many ways nobly distinguished him, he had a fixedness of moral principle, a discriminating judgment, a sensitive conscience, a sterling sense of honor, right and propriety, an intelligent and orderly habit of thought, a painstaking industry and an independent self-reliance that gave strength, solidity and reliability to his convictions, his purposes and his work." Had: 1. John Albert, b. Oct. 13, 1853; d. (drowned) May 21, 1870. 2. Charles H., b. Sept. 21, 1858; d. Dec. 12, 1863. 3. Minnie H., b. Dec. 2, 1863; d. Jan. 15, 1864.
- iii. TIMOTHY BROWN<sup>9</sup>, b. June 13, 1829; m. Jennie Swail of Detroit, Mich., Feb. 2, 1887; in earlier years, cabinet maker with Miles



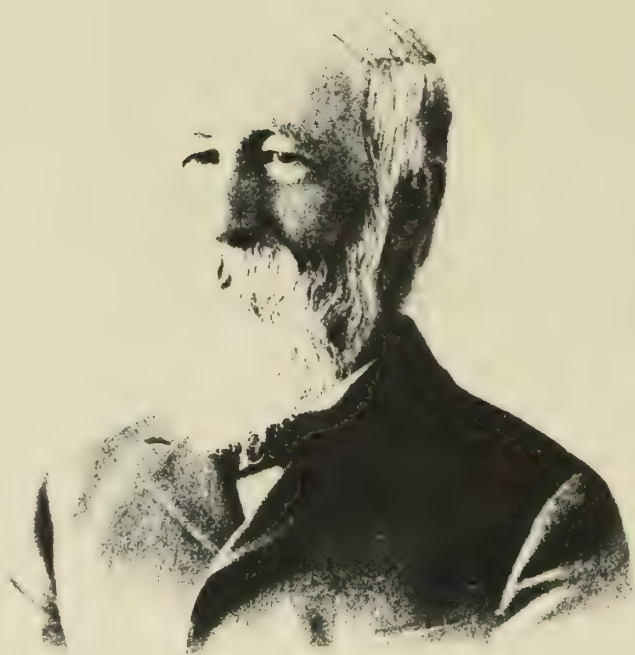
- and Lyons, Greenfield; lived with his mother in Bernardston until her death; has since resided in Toledo, O.
- iv. CYRUS WASHBURN<sup>9</sup>, b. Jan. 6, 1831. In early life clerk for Z. C. Newcomb, Bernardston, and for S. Allen's Sons, Greenfield; then clerk in dry goods business in Springfield and Rochester, N. Y.; from 1854 to 1858 conductor on N. Y. Central R. R. between Rochester and Niagara Falls; afterwards in hotel business at Rochester, St. Johnsville, N. Y., Staten Island, and Newark, N. J., being proprietor in latter city of the Continental hotel, 1874-86; has since resided in Dover, N. J., where he is interested in real estate matters.
- v. CHARLES ELIJAH<sup>9</sup>, b. Nov. 9, 1833; d. May 18, 1834.
- vi. MARY SOPHIA<sup>9</sup>, b. Jan. 24, 1835; a young lady of lovely character and of marked success as a teacher in the town, until her early death, Mch. 30, 1856.
- vii. CHARLES CARROLL<sup>9</sup>, b. July 9, 1836; m. Feronia N., dau. of Ezra and Luthera (Knowlton) Rice of Auburn, Mass., May 1, 1862. When a boy he was clerk in Major H. Tyler's "periodical depot" and telegraph office, Greenfield, and several years later in Merriam's bookstore. He began attending Goodale Academy under the principalship of Pliny Fisk when nine years old, and afterwards fitted for college there, at Williston Seminary, and at Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N. H. Feeble health, however, prevented him from entering college. In a summer trip to the coast of Labrador, taken for the benefit of his health, he became interested in the unprivileged condition of the shoremen of that wild country, and afterwards (1858) went there under the auspices of the Canada Foreign Missionary Society of Montreal to explore the region with reference to the beginning of missionary work. A station was located at Caribou Island, in the Straits of Belle Isle, and lumber taken down the St. Lawrence for a mission house there, convenient to the fishing fleets. Another station, with church and school, was subsequently established on Eskimo river, for the benefit of the native population, who wintered in the interior. There being no physician on the coast, the young missionary, having taken two courses of lectures at Harvard Medical College, was able to be of service to the sick, both sailors and shoremen. The severity of the climate compelled him and his wife to leave the coast in the



*C. M. Carpenter:*







Yours cordially,  
C. J. Van Fleet.



fall of 1864, although he returned to his mission for the following summer. In the winter intervening, he was in the service of the U. S. Christian Commission at City Point, Va., acting as cashier of the commission for the "Armies operating against Richmond," entering Petersburg on the morning of its capture, and being at Richmond a few days later when General Charles Devens reviewed the Union troops in front of the Confederate Capitol, and a hundred guns were fired in honor of Lee's surrender.

From 1866 to 1872, Mr. Carpenter was superintendent of the "Lookout Mountain Educational Institutions" on Lookout Mountain, Tenn., established by Christopher R. Robert of New York, with the design of furnishing a loyal, Christian education to the white youth of the South, impoverished by the long war. From 1872 to 1875 he resided at Andover, Mass., engaged in theological study; was pastor of the Rockville Congregational church, Peabody, Mass., 1875-80, and at Mt. Vernon, N. H., 1880-85. He then retired from the active ministry, and has since resided at Andover, Mass. He was the first editor of the *Andover Townsman*, 1887-89, and since 1886, has been a contributing editor of the *Congregationalist*, writing in part over the *non de plume* of "Mr. Martin." For ten years, 1890-1900, he has been the secretary of the alumni of Andover Theological Seminary, publishing its annual necrologies and address lists. He has also worked for several years on a biographical catalogue of the Phillips Academy, Andover. While in Essex County he was a member of Essex Institute, Salem, and has been since 1885 a resident member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. He received the honorary degree of A. M. from Hamilton College in 1869, and from Dartmouth College in 1887. Had: 1. George Rice, b. Oct. 25, 1863, at Eskimo River, Labrador; fitted for college at Phillips Academy, Andover; graduated at Harvard University 1886, being assistant instructor in English, 1885-86; studied in Paris and Berlin, under a fellowship from the University, 1886-88; post-graduate student at Harvard, 1888-89; instructor in English there, 1889-90; associate professor of English, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1890-93; non-resident lecturer at Wellesley College, 1892-93; professor of Rhetoric and English Composition, Columbia University, New York, from 1893. Author of several text-books

in English Grammar and Rhetoric; editor of "Translation of Dante's Fleven Letters," "Selections from Steele," "Selections from American Prose," "Longman's English Classics, etc.; m. Mary Seymour of New York City, June 11, 1890; one child. 2. Charles Lincoln, b. June 17, 1867, at Amherst, Mass.; fitted for college at McCollom Institute, Mt. Vernon, N. H.; graduated at Dartmouth College, Chandler Scientific Department, 1887, and at the Thayer School of Engineering, 1889; assistant engineer on Nicaragua Canal (chief of hydrographic party, Greytown), 1889-91; Boston Board of Survey, 1891-98; connected with an exploring and mining expedition in Northern Alaska (the Koyukuk River) since 1898; m. Charlotte F. Sullivan of Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 15, 1892; two children. 3. William Bancroft, b. Feb. 10, 1869, at Lookout Mountain, Tenn.; fitted for college at Phillips Academy, Andover; studied three years in Amherst College, and graduated at Harvard University, 1890, where he took a post-graduate year, 1890-91; instructor at Southboro (St. Mark's School) and Taunton; sub-master of high school, Woonsocket, R. I., 1893-1900; instructor in mathematics, Mechanic Arts High School, Boston, from 1900; m. Katherine M. Hoyt of Newfane, Vt., Dec. 21, 1893; one child. 4. Jane Brodie, b. Nov. 4, 1871, at Lookout Mountain, Tenn.; fitted for college at Punchard High School and Abbot Academy, Andover; graduated at Mt. Holyoke College, 1897; assistant instructor in English there, 1897-1900; post graduate student at Teachers' College, Columbia University, 1900-01. 5. Miriam Feronia, b. Sept. 21, 1881, at Mt. Vernon, N. H.; fitted for college at Punchard High School, Andover; now in Mt. Holyoke College, class of 1903.

- viii. SARAH ALEXANDER, b. Jan. 26, 1839; m. June 29, 1865, Henry Martyn McCloud, son of Lewis and Minerva (Slate) McCloud of Amherst, Mass., editor and printer; later, insurance and real estate agent. Had: 1. Mary Carpenter, b. Nov. 28, 1867; d. Jan. 19, 1868. 2. Mabel, b. and d. Aug. 14, 1868. 3. Albert Carpenter, b. May 24, 1870; in business with his father; m. Edna A. Carter, Aug. 8, 1894.

CARRIER, AMOS<sup>2</sup>, (Kneeland<sup>1</sup> of Gill,) b. 1792; m. (1) Mary<sup>\*</sup>, dau. of Consider<sup>1</sup> Cushman, Oct. 28, 1817. She was b. Nov. 5, 1799;

d. Nov. 2, 1829. He m. (2) 1831, Mrs. Sarepta<sup>6</sup>, widow of Stillman Spurr, and dau. of Consider<sup>7</sup> Cushman. She was b. Feb. 19, 1795; d. Jan. 11, 1889. Mr. Carrier resided on South street, at the place now owned by his son-in-law, Mr. F. L. Burrows. Here he had a shoe-maker's shop which was located south of the house. He d. May 26, 1862. Children:

- i. CONSIDER CUSHMAN<sup>3</sup>, b. Jan. 17, 1818; d. Aug. 22, 1852.
- ii. BENJAMIN NELSON<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept. 29, 1819.
- iii. DELIA ELMINA<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 26, 1821; m. S. Russell<sup>2</sup> Hills, May 27, 1845. She d. Nov. 6, 1891.
- iv. DWIGHT A.<sup>3</sup>, b. Nov. 10, 1823.
- v. RALPH A.<sup>3</sup>, b. Nov. 1, 1827.
- vi. MARY C.<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 7, 1829; d. in Covington, Ky., July 12, 1850.  
By second wife:
- vii. GEORGE ALBERT<sup>3</sup>, d. Aug. 8, 1832, ae. 16 mos.
- viii. GEORGE ALBERT, 2nd.<sup>3</sup>, d. Jan. 25, 1834, ae. seven months.
- ix. JOSEPHINE S.<sup>3</sup>, b. Nov. 3, 1834; m. Frank L.<sup>4</sup> Burrows, Nov. 28, 1855. She d. Sept. 15, 1892.

CATLIN, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, (Joseph<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup> of Wethersfield, Ct.,) b. 1704.

He early entered the military service, attaining the rank of captain. Served under Captain Kellogg in Father Rasle's War; was lieutenant of a company of snow-shoe men in 1743; in command of Fort Shirley from Dec. 10, 1747 to Apr. 3, 1749; in the summer of 1749, was in command of a company above Northfield; Sept. 13, 1757, he led a company of 52 men from Deerfield to Fort Massachusetts. In 1758 he was in command of the cordon of twelve forts extending from Northfield to Pontoosuc on the West, with headquarters at Burk's Fort in Bernardston, where he d. Sept. 24, 1758. He m. June 15, 1727, Mary, dau. of Benjamin Munn. She d. Nov. 10, 1763, ae. 58 years. Children:

- i. JOHN<sup>5</sup>, b. Aug. 8, 1727; d. Aug. 9, 1727.
- ii. CATHERINE<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 8, 1728-9; m. Jan. 10, 1750, Ebenezer Clapp of Northampton.
- iii. RACHAEL<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 9, 1730; m. June 1, 1749, Abner Barnard of Northampton.
- iv. JOSEPH<sup>5</sup>, b. Aug. 4, 1732; settled in Connecticut.

- v. SETH<sup>5</sup>, b. July 16, 1734; settled in Deerfield.
- vi. MARY<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 27, 1736; m. Oct. 5, 1758, John P. Bull.
- vii. OLIVER<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 16, 1738-9.
- viii. MERCY<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 13, 1741; m. Dec. 11, 1765, Consider Arms of Conway.
- ix. DOROTHY<sup>5</sup>, bap. Dec. 18, 1743; m. Dec. 29, 1763, Phineas Munn.

CHADWICK, WILLIAM. Went out as a minute man Apr. 19, 1775; was discharged from the service Aug. 12, 1777, having served several enlistments.

CHAMBERLAIN, ELIEZUR, came to town from Durham, Ct., in 1808, lived in the log house on the Institute grounds two years, then built and removed to the house recently owned by his nephew, Samuel Atherton, between the library and town hall. He m. Content, dau. of Samuel Pickett. She d. June 27, 1862, ae. 74. Had:

- i. MARY M., b. June, 1808; d. Apr. 5, 1878; unm.

CHAPIN, CALEB<sup>1</sup>. The progenitor of those bearing this name in New England is believed to have been Dea. Samuel Chapin, who removed from Dorchester or Boston to Springfield in 1642. He d. in Springfield, Nov. 11, 1675; had eight children. Of these, a son, Japhet<sup>2</sup>, was b. in 1642. He was twice married, settled in Chicopee, and was in the Falls Fight. His son, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, was one of the original grantees of the Falls Fight Township, but sold his right to his nephew, Caleb<sup>4</sup>, the fifth child of his oldest brother, Samuel.<sup>3</sup>

1. CHAPIN, CALEB<sup>4</sup>, (Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Japhet<sup>2</sup>, Samuel<sup>1</sup>,) was b. May 29, 1701; m. Catherine Dickinson of Hatfield, Dec. 9, 1726. He removed from Springfield to his purchase of his Uncle Thomas'<sup>3</sup> right in this township, in or about the year 1740, having then four living children. He was in the expedition against the French and Indians, and was killed in battle near Lake George, Sept., 1755, as heretofore described, during the French and Indian War. His wife d. July 16, 1791, ae. 86

years. He resided on the west side of South street, the house being back quite a distance from the road and between the farms of Messrs. Root and Barber. Children:

- i. CATHERINE<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 27, 1727; d. Oct. 22, 1734.
- ii. CALEB<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 13, 1729; d. Sept. 17, 1734-5.
2. iii. JOEL<sup>5</sup>, b. Apr. 22, 1732.
- iv. CATHERINE<sup>5</sup>, b. May 2, 1734; m. Elias Sheldon of Northampton.
3. v. CALEB<sup>5</sup>, b. July 2, 1736.
- vi. HEZEKIAH<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 11, 1738; m. Eleanor Smith, who d. Nov. 28, 1818, ae. 74 years. He was selectman and assessor 1779, 82, 83. He served in the French and Indian War in Col. Whitcomb's Regiment, Capt. Agrippa Wells' Co., stationed at Colrain, October 19, 1756, to Jan. 23, 1757. In the Revolutionary service he went out as private in Capt. Agrippa Wells' Co., Col. Saml. Williams' regiment of minute men, which marched Apr. 20, 1775. The latter part of his life his residence was in Guilford, Vt. He d. Mch. 24, 1820. Had: 1. Catherine<sup>6</sup>, m. Feb. 14, 1795, Seth Shattuck; settled in Vermont. 2. Hezekiah<sup>6</sup>, b. July 8, 1779; m. Widow Lydia Ellenwood, Dec. 5, 1810; d. May 30, 1862. 3. Cynthia<sup>6</sup>. 4. Sally<sup>6</sup>. 5. Nelly<sup>6</sup>, m. in Guilford, Vt. Perhaps that Eleanor who m. Dec. 6, 1809, Henry Lawrence.
- vii. DANIEL<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 30, 1741; m. Susanna Wells. He was tithingman in 1772, surveyor of highways 1774-78, constable and collector 1780. Went out as a private May 1, 1775, in Col. Asa Whitcomb's regiment, Capt. Agrippa Wells' Co. He later resided in Leyden. Had: 1. Hepzibah<sup>6</sup>. 2. Ruth<sup>6</sup>, m. twice, and had two sons who became Mormons. 3. Sabra<sup>6</sup>, d. young. 4. Daniel<sup>6</sup>, d. in Leyden. 5. Ezra<sup>6</sup>, d. in Vermont. 6. Susanna<sup>6</sup>, m. Salem Baker; d. in 1852. 7. Calvin<sup>6</sup>, resides in Black River Country, N. Y.
- viii. HANNAH<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 21, 1744.
- ix. SUBMIT<sup>5</sup>, b. 1747; d. 1815.
4. x. SELAH<sup>5</sup>, b. Aug. 18, 1750, in Burk Fort.
2. CHAPIN, LIEUT. JOEL<sup>5</sup>, (Caleb<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Japhet<sup>2</sup>, Samuel<sup>1</sup>.) born Apr. 22, 1732, in Springfield; m. (1) Sarah Burk, who died Apr. 16, 1781, ae. 40. His marriage intention with Widow Rhoda Scott of Winchester was recorded Dec. 26, 1790. He was selectman in 1771, also held other minor town offices.



He had quite a military record, serving with his father in the French and Indian War, acquiring there the title of lieutenant. Dec. 11, 1755, to Oct. 18, 1756, he was out "to the westward"; in Capt. Israel Williams' Co., stationed at Colrain, Oct. 19, 1756, to Jan. 23, 1757. His name appears on John Burk's enlistment roll ending Nov. 30, 1758. At the time of the Revolutionary War he was on the Committee of Inspection 1775, and of Inspection, Correspondence and Safety 1777 and 1780. He was out in active service as sergeant in Capt. Agrippa Wells' Co., Col. Samuel Williams' regiment of minute-men, which marched Apr. 20, 1775, three months, to Dec., 1786, at which time his mileage money for 120 miles, at 1d., was 10 pounds, 11 shillings. He d. Mch. 17, 1803, according to his gravestone, or 1805, as given in the town records. Children:

- i. JOEL<sup>6</sup>, b. Sept. 7, 1763; m. June 14, 1797, Alice Penfield. He d. June 27, 1803; is buried in old cemetery. Had: 1. William<sup>7</sup>, b. Feb. 20, 1798. 2. Henry<sup>7</sup>, b. Oct. 20, 1799; d. Oct. 6, 1800. 3. Joel, d. Aug. 17, 1803.
  - ii. EDDY BURKE<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan. 30, 1765; m. Sept. 3, 1795, Ruth Parmenter of Bernardston or Sudbury. They resided in Guilford, Vt., where he d. Mch. 12, 1818. Had: 1. Sally Burk<sup>7</sup>, b. June 29, 1796; m. Oliver Bagg, Oct. 20, 1817. She d. Mch. 28, 1872. 2. Sophia Parmenter<sup>7</sup>, b. May 22, 1800; m. Charles Babcock of Guilford, Vt., where they resided.
  5. iii. ISRAEL<sup>6</sup>, b. Apr. 23, 1767.
  - iv. SOLOMON<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 27, 1769; m. about 1799, Rebecca Porter of Rhode Island. She d. Nov. 26, 1854, ae. 78. Resided in Guilford, Vt., where Mr. Chapin d. Feb. 9, 1822.
  - v. SARAH<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 9, 1772; d. Sept. 15, 1777.
  - vi. THANKFUL<sup>6</sup>, b. Nov. 11, 1774; m. Joel<sup>6</sup> Warner, Apr. 27, 1799; d. Apr. 5, 1812.
  - vii. OLIVER<sup>6</sup>, b. Mch. 22, 1778; d. in Thomson, Ct.
  - viii. GRATIA<sup>6</sup>, m. Joel Warner.
3. CHAPIN, CALEB<sup>6</sup>, (Caleb<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Japhet<sup>2</sup>, Dea. Samuel<sup>1</sup>.) b. July 2, 1736; m. Rebecca<sup>5</sup>, dau. of Ezekiel<sup>4</sup> Bascom of Gill. She was bap Dec. 24, 1740; d. Feb. 14, 1825, ae. 84 years. His occu-

pation was making mill stones, laying stone and farming. After leaving his father's farm, where he spent a portion of his early manhood, he located on a farm around West Mountain, now owned by Mr. Pratt. He was selectman 1774, 81, 91. He began his military career under Major Burke, his name appearing on the enlistment roll of the latter, ending Nov. 30, 1758. At the Revolution, he was Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety for 1776, was in the service at Cambridge, and later made captain of the fourth Co., 5th Reg., 2nd Brigade of the 4th Division of Militia, July 1, 1781. His captain's commission is still preserved in the family. He was captain of the military Co. in town, and went with the Hampshire troops under Gen. Shephard to Springfield at the time of the Shays Rebellion. He died Nov. 10, 1815. Children :

6. i. CALEB<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 20, 1759, in Burk Fort.
  - ii. REBECCA<sup>6</sup>, b. Nov. 26, 1761; d. May 12, 1766.
  7. iii. ZALMUNA<sup>6</sup>, b. Apr. 3, 1764.
  - iv. CONSIDER<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 26, 1766; resided Elk Creek, Tenn.; d. 1860.
  - v. CYRENIUS<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 7, 1769; went as waiter to his father in the Shays Rebellion. He m. Sylvia<sup>6</sup>, dau Elisha<sup>5</sup> Burnham, about 1790. She d. Oct. 1, 1863. He resided in Buffalo, N. Y., where he d. Feb. 20, 1838; was a physician and surgeon; in the war of 1812 was Col. of the militia; taken prisoner when Buffalo was taken by the British, but by great skill and daring, escaped with his men while being taken under a guard to Kingston; was again taken prisoner, sent to Montreal and kept nine months. He returned to find his home burned by the Indians in the destruction of the town in 1813, and his family scattered. In 1818 he returned with his reunited family to Buffalo, and was reimbursed by the Government for the loss he had sustained.
4. CHAPIN, SELAH<sup>6</sup>, (Caleb<sup>1</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Japhet<sup>2</sup>, Dea. Samuel<sup>1</sup>), b. in Burk Fort, Aug. 18, 1750; m. Oct. 15, 1772, Jerusha, dau. of Capt. Elisha Burnham. She was b. Mch. 27, 1752; d. June 30, 1817. He served in the Revolution two months at Cambridge; was hayward 1775; surveyor of highways 1780; constable 1782. He d. May 30, 1830; resided in that part of the town set off as Leyden. Children :

- i. SELAH<sup>6</sup>, b. Sept. 10, 1773.
  - ii. ABNER<sup>6</sup>, b. July 22, 1775; m. and had four children.
  - iii. HANNAH<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 29, 1777; m. Apr. 29, 1798, Benjamin Green of Leyden.
  - iv. JERUSHA<sup>6</sup>.
  - v. ELISHA<sup>6</sup>, b. May 24, 1782; m. (1) July 13, 1808, Ann Ward, who was b. Jan. 28, 1782; d. July 24, 1812; m. (2) Abigail Judd. He resided in Beaver Meadow, Leyden, where he was prominently connected with town affairs, being justice of the peace 73 years; on the board of selectmen 13 terms; a member of the Legislature four years, and in 1820 assisting in the revision of the State Constitution. He d. June 23, 1835. Had: 1. Dennis<sup>7</sup>, b. June 10, 1809; grad. Amherst College, 1837; m. Annie R. Smith; resided in Vermont; was a minister. 2. Oliver<sup>7</sup>, b. Feb. 12, 1811; m. June 13, 1843, Louisa Caroline<sup>9</sup>, dau. James Coach<sup>8</sup> Root. After his death she resided several years in Bernardston, later with her nephew, Herman Root. Mr. Chapin was selectman of Leyden for 11 years. By second wife: 3. George<sup>7</sup>, b. Apr. 19, 1817. 4. Harriet<sup>7</sup>, b. Sept. 25, 1818; m. John E. Shattuck, Mch. 1845. 5. William<sup>7</sup>, b. May 22, 1820.
  - vi. ABIGAIL<sup>6</sup>, m. Solomon<sup>6</sup> Allen of Leyden; d. Mch. 24, 1833.
  - vii. SYLVIA<sup>6</sup>, b. 1787; d. Jan. 20, 1794.
  - viii. MANLY<sup>6</sup>, b. 1790; d. Apr. 10, 1800.
  - ix. LORENZO<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan. 20, 1793.
  - x. LEONARD B.<sup>6</sup>, b. Apr. 1, 1795.
5. CHAPIN, ISRAEL<sup>6</sup>, (Joel<sup>5</sup>, Caleb<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Japhet<sup>2</sup>, Dea. Samuel<sup>1</sup>,) b. Apr. 23, 1767; m. July 27, 1788, Esther Webster, (perhaps dau. of Stephen) of Bernardston. She d. June 11, 1810. He resided on the place now owned by Moses Nelson; went by the name of "Col." although in what way the title was acquired is unknown. He d. either June 14, or July 30, 1837. Children:
- i. ISRAEL<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 26, 1787.
  - ii. ANAH<sup>7</sup>, b. Nov. 17, 1788; m. Jeremiah Packer, Jr., June 23, 1818.
  8. iii. OTIS<sup>7</sup>, b. March 21, 1791.
  - iv. ALPHEUS<sup>7</sup>, b. Sept. 16, 1792; m. Nov. 14, 1816, Lovina H.<sup>3</sup>, widow of Horace Burk, and dau. of Lieut. Israel<sup>2</sup> Hale. She d. Aug. 21, 1843.

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According to the Chapin genealogy there was also  
v. EUNICE<sup>7</sup>, b. 1805; m. Silas G.<sup>2</sup> Fox; d. Dec. 1, 1888.

6. CHAPIN, CALEB<sup>6</sup>, (Caleb<sup>5</sup>, Caleb<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Japhet<sup>2</sup>, Dea. Samuel<sup>1</sup>),  
b. Aug. 20, 1759, in Burk Fort, his parents having taken up  
their residence within the fort some time before because of  
the Indian wars then being waged, removing a year or two  
after his birth to a farm in the south part of the town. On  
account of feeble health in childhood, it was decided that he  
should become a physician. He was the second physician  
and the first native physician of the place, and his early edu-  
cation was obtained at the first school house erected in town,  
near the Zebina Newcomb store. He was subsequently a  
private pupil of the Rev. Job Wright, under whose instruc-  
tion he remained until he had mastered such English studies  
as were then taught. He acquired a knowledge of geometry  
and its application to surveying, and had pursued the study  
of Latin so far as was deemed necessary preparatory to the  
study of medicine. The latter he pursued with Dr. Todd of  
Northfield, and a physician in Whately. He began practis-  
ing in town about 1785, continuing it, and in connection with  
it, surveying, in his own and adjoining towns until 1817,  
when he removed to Caledonia, N. Y., where he resided nine  
years, adding to the duties of his profession, those of post-  
master. He then returned to Bernardston, where he resided  
until his death, Nov. 28, 1839. He m. about Sept. 1786, Mary,  
dau. of Rev. Job Wright of Bernardston. She was b. Janu-  
ary 28, 1765, and d. July 10, 1827. His residence was at the  
corner of Depot and South streets, the place owned by the  
late Wright Chapin. In person he was tall and well propor-  
tioned, in manner courteous, which combined with attractive  
conversational powers, and in later years a fondness for re-  
lating the incidents and experiences of his early life, ren-  
dered him an agreeable member of society. He was gener-  
ous to a fault, and as a consequence, old age, after a life of  
remarkable activity found him with small pecuniary posses-  
sions. In politics he identified himself with the "Federal  
Party" and being of an ardent temperament and zealously

advocating the principles of that party, in those times of bitter political controversy, he was frequently brought into discussions with his political opponents, the Democrats of that period. But he lived long enough to see that while there was much true and wise in both these parties, there was also some portion of error in each. He was a firm believer in the Christian religion, and he and his wife were for many years members of the Congregational church. He showed his interest in the town by making a survey and plan of the same, the latter being among the effects of the late Wright Chapin, his grandson. So far as is known it is the only complete plan of the town in existence. Recently copies of this have been made. In making this survey he found many small triangular pieces of land, especially among the more mountainous portions of the town, which in the original assignments were unappropriated. He, taking into consideration the fact that he was a direct descendant of one of the original proprietors, by a kind of "right of discovery" took up the land, no one raising objections. Children:

9. i. SAMUEL WRIGHT<sup>7</sup>, b. Dec. 25, 1787.
  - ii. SETH<sup>7</sup>, b. Jan. 26, 1790; m. Sylvia, dau. of Dr. Cyrenius<sup>6</sup> Chapin of Buffalo, N. Y.
10. iii. CALEB<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 18, 1792.
  - iv. GORHAM<sup>7</sup>, b. Mch. 16, 1795; d. Oct. 15, 1841. He was a lawyer residing in Ohio.
  - v. MARSHALL<sup>7</sup>, b. Feb. 27, 1798; d. Dec. 26, 1838; was a physician residing in Detroit, Mich.
  - vi. DANA<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 22, 1800; removed to Penn., where he had a large family.
  - vii. HORATIO<sup>7</sup>, b. June 16, 1803; was twice married; resided at South Bend, Ind., where he was a bank cashier.
  - viii. JOB W.<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 12, 1806; d. July 12, 1808.
  - ix. JUSTIN<sup>7</sup>, b. Sept. 16, 1808; resided Greenfield, where he died August 22, 1874.

7. CHAPIN, ZALMUNA<sup>6</sup>, (Caleb<sup>5</sup>, Caleb<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Japhet<sup>2</sup>, Dea. Sam-



uel<sup>1</sup>.) b. Apr. 3, 1764; m. Lydia Wallis. She d. Nov. 15, 1835, ae. 70 years. He resided upon his farm around the mountain on place now owned by Mr. Pratt. He d. May 20, 1854. Children:

11. i. LUCIUS<sup>7</sup>, b. Sept. 23, 1792.
- ii. MARCUS<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 22, 1795; m. June 5, 1830, Eunice, dau. of John Bangs, and widow of Alvah Cushman of Bernardston. She d. Nov. 17, 1856, ae. 60 years. He was selectman for the years 1858-59. He d. Jan. 30, 1866. He lived around the mountain on the place now owned by A. F. Wells.
12. iii. ZALMON<sup>7</sup>, b. June 18, 1798.
- iv. ISABEL<sup>7</sup>, b. June 25, 1801; res. Bern.; unm.; d. Sept. 23, 1870.
- v. EZEKIEL<sup>7</sup>, b. Oct. 21, 1802; d. June 14, 1813.
- vi. MARGARET<sup>7</sup>, b. Mch. 30, 1805; d. Oct. 25, 1884; unm.
- vii. LYDIA<sup>7</sup>, b. Nov. 7, 1807; d. June 14, 1818.

S. CHAPIN, OTIS<sup>7</sup>, (Israel<sup>6</sup>, Joel<sup>5</sup>, Caleb<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Japhet<sup>2</sup>, Dea. Samuel<sup>1</sup>.) b. Mch. 21, 1791; m. Elizabeth Stephen, Dec. 29, 1814. She d. Aug. 4, 1879, ae. 86 years, 8 months, and was the last of the original members of the Baptist church as reorganized in 1814. He was a farmer residing on the place since owned by his son Albert, on the south part of Huckle Hill. He d. July 24, 1871. Children:

- i. ESTHER<sup>8</sup>, b. Dec. 8, 1815; m. 1849, Cyrus W.<sup>3</sup> Hale. She died June 10, 1893.
- ii. MARGARET<sup>8</sup>, b. April, 1818; m. Dexter G. Barnes of West Brookfield, May 31, 1843.
- iii. GORHAM G.<sup>8</sup>, b. Jan. 26, 1821; d. Dec. 2, 1840.
- iv. CATHERINE E.<sup>8</sup>, b. Apr. 8, 1825.
- v. TRYPHENIA<sup>8</sup>, b. Apr. 10, 1827; m. April 22, 1851, Rodney R.<sup>3</sup> Park.
- vi. EZEKIEL M.<sup>8</sup>, b. July 27, 1829; d. Oct. 31, 1855.
- vii. HOYT OTIS<sup>8</sup>, b. July 21, 1831; d. Sept. 29, 1896, in So. Deerfield.
- viii. MARTHA A.<sup>8</sup>, b. Oct. 17, 1834; m. May 8, 1862, Samuel<sup>7</sup> Aldrich.
- ix. ALBERT G.<sup>8</sup>, b. Oct. 12, 1839; m. Oct. 24, 1865, Mary Ann Clementine, dau. of Warren Osgood of Greenfield; m. (2) Amelia Miner. He owned and lived for many years on his father's place, then removed to Montague, where he made his home for a few years. The very last of his life he returned to town and

bought the place on South street, built by L. Pierce Chapin and later owned by Walter Nichols. Several children. He died March 19, 1900.

9. CHAPIN, SAMUEL, WRIGHT<sup>7</sup>, (Caleb<sup>6</sup>, Caleb<sup>5</sup>, Caleb<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Japhet<sup>2</sup>, Dea. Samuel<sup>1</sup>), b. Dec. 25, 1787; m. Apr. 10, 1816, Melinda Smith of Hadley. She was b. July 15, 1794; d. July 2, 1872. He was by trade a stone cutter, residing on the place later owned by his sons, S. Wright and Curtis on South street. He was deacon in the Orthodox Congregational church; d. Nov. 4, 1851. Children:
  - i. SAMUEL WRIGHT<sup>8</sup>, b. Dec. 30, 1816. He was a farmer, a man much interested in all that pertained to the early history of this place. He d. Dec. 31, 1893; unm.
  13. ii. CURTIS<sup>8</sup>, b. April 4, 1818.
  - iii. ELIZABETH M.<sup>8</sup>, b. Aug. 22; d. Nov. 19, 1833.
10. CHAPIN, CALEB<sup>7</sup>, (Caleb<sup>6</sup>, Caleb<sup>5</sup>, Caleb<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Japhet<sup>2</sup>, Dea. Samuel<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 18, 1792; m. Dec. 10, 1816, Roxanny<sup>6</sup>, dau. of Joseph<sup>6</sup> Allen. She was b. July 20, 1798; d. Jan. 14, 1866. By trade he was a stone cutter. He resided the latter part of his life on a farm in the north part of Greenfield in the Lampblack district, but prior to that upon the place now owned by Henry Root. For many years he was deacon of the Unitarian church. Children:
  - i. EUNICE<sup>8</sup>, b. Sept. 30, 1817; m. Jan. 16, 1859, Stephen P. Flagg of Wilmington, Vt. She d. Jan. 31, 1876.
  - ii. JOHN<sup>8</sup>, b. May 28, 1820; m. (1) Oct. 6, 1845, Charlotte V., dau. of Silas and Lucy Harmon of Bern., who d. Aug. 31, 1850; m. (2) Sept. 5, 1854, Julia E. Pierce. He resided in Greenfield, a farmer and stone cutter. He d. Apr. 23, 1892. She d. at North New Salem, Mch. 7, 1901, ae. 80. Had: 1. Charles E.<sup>9</sup>, born December 1, 1847; d. June 29, 1869. 2. Ralph H.<sup>9</sup>, b. Aug. 10, 1850; d. Mch., 1893. By second wife: 3. Daughter, b. September 1; d. Sept. 9, 1856. 4. John P.<sup>9</sup>, b. June 25, 1862.
  - iii. HORACE<sup>8</sup>, b. Aug. 28, 1822; m. Aug. 23, 1849, Susan F. Wilder of Hingham. He resides in Lincoln, Neb. Had: 1. Herbert A.<sup>9</sup>, b. June 6, 1851. 2. Helen W.<sup>9</sup>, b. Mch. 9, 1854. 3. Alice<sup>9</sup>,

- b. Nov. 3, 1856. 4. Walter F.<sup>9</sup>, b. Nov. 27, 1861.
14. iv. FREDERICK<sup>8</sup>, b. Oct. 5, 1824.  
 v. MARY<sup>8</sup>, b. July 5, 1827; d. unm., May 31, 1894.  
 vi. GEORGE<sup>8</sup>, b. Aug. 28, 1830; m. Aug., 1862, Lucy Munyan; resided Northampton. He d. Jan. 31, 1901.
11. CHAPIN, LUCIUS<sup>7</sup>, (Zalmuna<sup>6</sup>, Caleb<sup>5</sup>, Caleb<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Japhet<sup>2</sup>, Dea. Samuel<sup>1</sup>.) b. Sept. 23, 1792; m. Hannah, dau. of Isaac Barton of Bernardston. She d. Apr. 21, 1885, and was born Apr. 10, 1798. He was a machinist, millwright and carpenter; d. June 12, 1878. The latter part of his life he lived on South street on the place now owned by Arthur Wells. Children:
- i. LUCIUS PIERCE<sup>8</sup>, b. July 19, 1820; m. Martha L.<sup>6</sup>, dau. of Erastus<sup>5</sup> Ryther, Sept. 1, 1853. He was a carpenter by trade. For many years his residence was "around the mountain" now owned by Frank Putnam. He d. May 2, 1894. Mrs. Chapin m. (2) Dec. 6, 1900, Alfred M. Stratton. Had: 1. George Dwight<sup>9</sup>, b. June 15, 1856; m. (1) June 5, 1882, Belle C., dau. Thomas Metcalf of Northfield Farms. She d. July 21, 1890, ae. 31 years; m. (2) Oct. 14, 1897, Ella Sophia Potter of Bombay, N. Y. He resides in Springfield; is a traveling salesman for a lumber company.
- ii. HANNAH ADELINE<sup>8</sup>, b. Dec. 23, 1821; m. Richard H.<sup>8</sup> Hoyt, November 28, 1844; d. in Greenfield, Feb. 15, 1892.
- iii. HARRIET LYDIA<sup>8</sup>, b. Oct. 15, 1823. For many years she successfully carried on the business of dressmaking both in Greenfield and Bernardston; d. in Greenfield, Feb. 22, 1897.
- iv. MARTHA AMELIA<sup>8</sup>, b. August 3, 1826; m. Jan. 7, 1852, Ezra L. Holton of West Northfield, where she resides. He d. February 23, 1895.
- v. NORMAN, (twin) b. Nov. 7, 1828; m. Eufana Messenger of Penn. He resided in and d. in Pittston, Penn., Dec. 7, 1862. She m. (2) Mr. Marcy; res. Wilkes Barre, where she d. 187-. Had: 1. Hattie J.<sup>9</sup>, b. Jan. 17, 1855; m. 187-, Bradford G. Crawford; res. Wilkes Barre, Penn. 2. Ella Norman<sup>9</sup>, b. March 17, 1863; m. Harry Posten of Wilkes Barre, where they reside.
- vi. HARMON, (twin) b. Nov. 7, 1828; d. Sept. 27, 1848.
- vii. LOUISA JANE<sup>8</sup>, b. Dec. 18, 1831; m. (1) Edward K. Smith, by

- whom she had one child, Josie A., b. Apr. 19, 1860; m. Frank E. Marsh, Jan. 1, 1880. He d. Mch. 27, 1862; she m. (2) September 18, 1867, Oscar C. Allen; res. Greenfield.
- viii. ISABEL<sup>8</sup>, b. March 7, 1834; d. Sept. 20, 1835.
- ix. Son<sup>8</sup>, (twin) b. and d. Feb. 7, 1836.
- x. Daughter<sup>8</sup>, (twin) b. and d. Feb. 7, 1836.
- xi. ISAAC WARD<sup>8</sup>, b. Feb. 7, 1838; d. Sept. 27, 1842.
12. CHAPIN, ZALMON<sup>7</sup>, (Zalmuna<sup>6</sup>, Caleb<sup>5</sup>, Caleb<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Japhet<sup>2</sup>, Dea. Samuel<sup>1</sup>,) b. June 18, 1798; m. Clymene Emerancy, dau. of Elihu Scott, Apr. 27, 1824; she d. Jan. 20, 1885, ae. 81 yrs. He resided "around the Mountain" on the place opposite the one owned by his son David; d. Nov. 11, 1869. Children.
15. i. ALANSON<sup>8</sup>, b. May 1, 1825.
- ii. DAVID<sup>8</sup>, b. Nov. 30, 1826; m. (1) Maria Chandler Vincent of Colrain, Jan. 16, 1861. She died June 1, 1862, ae. 23 years; m. (2) Lucy Emily<sup>4</sup>, dau. of Sumner<sup>3</sup> Hale, Jan. 3, 1872. He owns the farm formerly his father's.
- iii. JOHN<sup>8</sup>, b. Nov. 5, 1828; d. unm. April 18, 1869.
- iv. PHILENA<sup>8</sup>, b. Feb. 21, 1831; m. Ira Whitman of No. Adams, May 24, 1869; res. Bernardston.
- v. MARIETTA<sup>8</sup>, b. March 9, 1835; resides Bernardston; unm.
- vi. LYDIA ELIZA<sup>8</sup>, b. July 18, 1837; d. Sept. 21, 1849.
13. CHAPIN, CURTIS<sup>7</sup>, (Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Caleb<sup>5</sup>, Caleb<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Japhet<sup>2</sup>, Dea. Samuel<sup>1</sup>,) b. Apr. 4, 1818; m. Janette H., dau. of John Nelson, Aug. 25, 1857. She resides on South street, Bernardston. Mr. Chapin was for many years deacon in the Orthodox Congregational church. He died March 28, 1875. Children:
- i. HOMER CURTIS<sup>8</sup>, b. Nov. 24, 1858; m. Nov. 27, 1889, Nellie F. Cobleigh of Bernardston. He graduated from Amherst College in 1881; then went to India, where he remained as a teacher for four years. He studied law in Minneapolis, Minn., practising the same for a time in South Dakota. He is now resident of Florence, Mass., where he is engaged in newspaper work. Had: 1. Bryant Francis<sup>10</sup>, b. December 24, 1890. 2. Marguerite<sup>10</sup>, b. July 7, 1892.

- ii. IDA ROSANNA<sup>9</sup>, b. March 14, 1869. Is a teacher residing in Bern.
  - iii. CLIFFORD SAMUEL<sup>9</sup>, b. Jan. 25, 1873. After graduating from the local schools, he has pursued his studies in New York, graduating from the Bellevue Hospital Medical College in New York City, class of 1896, and from the City Hospital, Blackwell's Island, 1897; m. June 29, 1899, May Redfield, dau. Wm. Wight of Bern.; res. Great Barrington.
  - iv. CORA JANETTE<sup>9</sup>, b. Sept. 12, 1866; d. Feb. 14, 1868.
14. CHAPIN, FREDERICK<sup>\*</sup>, (Caleb<sup>7</sup>, Caleb<sup>6</sup>, Caleb<sup>5</sup>, Caleb<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Japhet<sup>2</sup>, Dea. Samuel<sup>1</sup>.) b. Oct. 5, 1824; m. (1) Lizzie<sup>6</sup>, dau. of William Eaton<sup>5</sup> Ryther, Mch. 12, 1863; she d. May 14, 1865; m. (2) Hester Maria<sup>5</sup>, dau. of Ruggles<sup>4</sup> Bagg, and widow of Field<sup>6</sup> Cushman, Oct. 4, 1868. Mr. Chapin was a man of strong religious convictions, and for some thirty years the efficient superintendent of the Unitarian Sunday school. His residence was on South street, the old Allen place now owned by R. Harris. He d. Jan. 29, 1887. Mrs. Chapin resides in Somerville. Children:
- i. CHARLES EDWARDS<sup>9</sup>, b. Aug. 8, 1869; m. June 1, 1892, Annie E., dau. of Charles J. Sauer of Turners Falls; res. Greenfield; was a paper maker by occupation. He enlisted as sergeant in Co. L., 2nd. Mass. Volunteers, for two years, April, 1898, in war with Spain; d. at Montauk Point, L. I., on his way home, Aug. 30, 1898. He was a prominent member and officer of Mechanics Lodge F. and A. M., of Turners Falls. Had: 1. Frederick Charles<sup>10</sup>, b. Feb. 12, 1895. 2. Hester Rogers<sup>10</sup>, b. June 20, 1896.
  - ii. ELIZABETH MARIA<sup>9</sup>, b. Sept. 9, 1870; graduated successively from Powers Institute, Northfield Seminary, and the special Latin course at Wellesley College; is now principal of the Pollard School in Billerica.
  - iii. FREDERICK FIELD<sup>9</sup>, b. March 29, 1876; d. July 9, 1889.
15. CHAPIN, ALANSON<sup>\*</sup>, (Zalmon<sup>7</sup>, Zalmuna<sup>6</sup>, Caleb<sup>5</sup>, Caleb<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Japhet<sup>2</sup>, Dea. Samuel<sup>1</sup>.) b. May 1, 1825; m. Patience Lovina, dau. William Fox of Colrain. She d. Nov. 15, 1893. They resided around West Mountain on the place now owned by Mr. Pratt. He d. Oct. 22, 1867. Children:



- i. CLARENCE<sup>9</sup>, b. Sept., 1856; is dead.
- ii. JOHN W.<sup>9</sup>, b. Jan. 28, 1859; m. Harriett E.<sup>8</sup>, dau. of Josiah G.<sup>7</sup> and Fidelia (Hale) Woods, 1880. She was b. April 7, 1862. Mr. Chapin resides at the village where he was selectman 1896-1897. He is engaged in the lumber and milling business; is a member of Republican Lodge F. and A. M. of Greenfield. Had:
  1. Lucy F.<sup>10</sup>, b. Sept., 1882; m. July 4, 1901, Fred E. H. Allen.
  2. Evelyn<sup>10</sup>, b. Dec. 7, 1884.
  3. Harry<sup>10</sup>, b. Feb. 27, 1886.
  4. Warren<sup>10</sup>, b. April 1893; d. May 10, 1893.
- iii. ELIZA M.<sup>9</sup>, b. April 15, 1861; m. Albert L. Wright, April 3, 1879; resides Beaver Meadow, Leyden.
- iv. FRANK W.<sup>9</sup>, b. Oct. 26, 1862; d. Sept. 13, 1865.
- v. MARIA<sup>9</sup>, m. William Wright; res. Bernardston.
- vi. EDGAR<sup>9</sup>, m. May 26, 1890, Etta, dau. Philo Sibley of Munroe Bridge; resides Bern.; Has: 1. Blanche<sup>10</sup>.

CHASE, LOREN P., b. about 1830; m. Jan. 5, 1858, Emma Stebbins of Bern. Mr. Chase upon his coming to town settled in the Bald Mountain District near the old Rogers place, where he d. June 7, 1899. He was a veteran of the Civil War. A dau., Mary E., m. May 12, 1878, Edson C. Doolittle of Northfield. Other children.

1. CHASE, RUFUS, the first of the name in town, is a descendant of Capt. Aquila Chase, and was b. June 10, 1784. He was a son of James Chase, who came from Conn. in 1766. The early home of this branch of the Chase family is supposed to be in Pomfret, Ct. Rufus Chase m. (1) Feb. 15, 1815, Mirian, dau. of Dea. Ezekiel Gore. She was b. in Halifax, Vt., Feb. 9, 1796. She d. Aug. 12, 1840. He m. (2) Mrs. Sylvia P. (Willard), widow of Ezra<sup>5</sup> Connable, Mch. 10, 1843. She d. September 29, 1855; m. (3) Julia Munsell, Mch. 19, 1857. She d. 187-. Mr. Chase removed to Bernardston from Halifax, Vt., in 1829. He was selectman 1833-34-35-36-37 and 45. He d. Apr. 18, 1858. Children:
  - i. SANFORD PLUMB<sup>3</sup>, b. July 14, 1817.
  - ii. RUFUS DUDLEY<sup>3</sup>, b. in Halifax, Vt., Mch. 27, 1823; graduated Dartmouth College, 1845; m. (1) July 8, 1858, Catherine O.,

dau. John Putnam; (2) Jan. 18, 1886, Mrs. Sophronia W. (Carll) Thompson. He became a prominent lawyer of Orange, Mass., where he d. May 10, 1891, and where his family now reside.

- iii. AZEL UTLEY<sup>3</sup>, b. also March 27, 1823; m. March 17, 1853, Lucy Maynard, dau. of Andrew A. Rawson. Mr. Chase resided in Brattleboro, Vt., several years after his marriage, later owned the present Myron Corbett place at North Bernardston, where he died Jan. 24, 1880. Before his marriage Mr. Chase was for many years one of the last of the old time stage drivers between Greenfield and Brattleboro. Mrs. Chase resides at the village. She has always been actively interested in educational work. Her early life was spent as a teacher in Maryland. After her return North she had a private school in North Bernardston and later successfully conducted a school for young ladies at Brattleboro, Vt. Since coming to Bernardston she has rendered good service as a member of the school board; is the local correspondent of the Gazette and Courier.

- iv. MARY ELIZA<sup>3</sup>, b. July 16, 1828; d. May 5, 1845.

3. CHASE, SANFORD, PLUMB<sup>3</sup>, (Rufus<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>), b. July 14, 1817; m. Apr. 20, 1843, Ophelia M., dau. of Isaac Barton. She was b. Oct. 15, 1821; d. Sept. 2, 1858. He resided at the old Chase Tavern, being engaged in farming, and later became well known throughout Franklin Co. as agent for various agricultural implements. He d. Mch. 8, 1879. Children:

- i. MARY ELIZA<sup>3</sup>, b. March 28, 1845; m. Newton C. Phillips, Mch. 28, 1866. They reside in Killingly, Ct.  
 ii. FRED BARTON<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept. 29, 1854; m. Sept. 1, 1885, Lucy L., dau. of Josiah Gleason of Marlboro. They reside on the old Dea. Snow farm just east of the village. Had: 1. Burton F.<sup>4</sup>, b. April 14, 1889; d. Jan. 1, 1890. 2. Bertha E.<sup>4</sup>, b. also Apr. 14, 1889.

CLARK, ANNA, mar. intention recorded Oct. 5, 1811, with Tartus Ballard of Gill.

CLARK, DANIEL, m. Fanny ——. Had:

- i. GEORGE, b. Nov. 6, 1843.

CLARK, MATILDA, mar. intention recorded Aug. 5, 1822, with Henry Williams of Bernardston. She d. Sept. 1, 1823, ae. 20 years. He. m. Nov. 29, 1823, for a second wife Thankful Clark of Bernardston.

CLARK, SAMUEL, b. Oct. 27, 1777, in Medfield; settled in Vernon, Vt.; m. Dec. 15, 1806, Rachael Stone, who was b. Nov. 19, 1782, in Thompson, Ct. He d. July 29, 1858. Among his children were:

- i. JUSTICE, b. Oct. 1, 1817.
- ii. WYMAN, b. July 21, 1820; m. Sarah Blanchard of Marlboro, Vt. He d. Oct. 22, 1869.
- iii. NOAH, b. Nov. 24, 1826; m. Phoebe Varney of Vt.; d. March 20, 1876. These all settled in Bernardston.

1. CLARK, JUSTICE, m. Cecelia L. (Stoddard), widow of Gardner Oaks. She d. Sept. 25, 1891. He resides on Huckle Hill on the George Parmenter place. Children:

- i. SOLOMON J., b. Feb. 21, 1847; d. Sept. 12, 1848.
- ii. HENRY M., b. June 28, 1848; m. (1) Mary E. Nash of Warwick, 1870; m. (2) Jan. 7, 1892, Alta C. Wheeler of Vernon, Vt. He res. with his father on Huckle Hill. Has: 1. Julius H., born Nov. 9; d. Nov. 23, 1877. 2. Terry J., b. Jan. 22, 1877. 3. Newman H., b. Nov. 7, 1882. 4. Alta C., born Jan. 16, 1895.
- iii. CHARLES M., born April 28, 1851; m. Mary L. Fairman of Bernardston, Aug. 27, 1873; resides Huckle Hill on the Guy Severance place. Has: 1. Lila May. 2. Ralph N. 3. Nettie B. 4. Della V. 5. Walter A. 6. Harry.

CLARK, WILKINS B., (Joel, Alexander who served in the Revolution) b. in Shelburne, where he m. Catherine F., dau. of John and grand-daughter of Lieut. John Stewart of East Shelburne, whose grand-father likewise saw Revolutionary service. Wilkins B. Clark was an only son; two sisters removed West. He came to Bern. in or about 1836, settling in the east part of the town near the "Purple Meadow." He died Jan. 27, 1877. She d. Apr. 25, 1889, ae. 92 yrs., three months. Children:

- i. CATHERINE F., b. Jan., 1823; m. D. W. Temple, April 18, 1838. She died Oct. 30, 1875.
- ii. CHARLOTTE F., m. George Keith of Greenfield, where she d.—
- iii. CAROLINE A., b. July 15, 1828; m. March 8, 1849, Lorenzo<sup>3</sup> Park; res. Hinsdale, N. H.
- iv. DEXTER W., b. April 12, 1834; m. Fannie Langdon of Torrington, Ct., where they reside.
- v. ISABEL A., b. Sept. 24, 1837; m. Lucius W. Cook, formerly of Bern. They now reside in Orlando, Fla.
- vi. J. DARWIN, b. April 12, 1844; m. April 8, 1867, Minnie, dau. of Austin T. Saunders of Montpelier, Vt. They reside on Huckle Hill on the "old Elias Parmenter Place." Had: 1. Henry D., b. Sept. 30, 1868. 2. Earnest W., b. Sept. 24, 1871. 3. Isabella, b. Sept. 30, 1878.

CLOGSTON, HENRY WARD<sup>5</sup>, (William H.<sup>4</sup>, John Glasford<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>, who was b. in Scotland in 1741,) b. in Springfield, Mass., June 22, 1859. His ancestor, John<sup>1</sup>, m. in 1765 in Londonderry, N. H., Anna Glasford, also a native of Scotland. She d. in Marietta, O., he in Goffstown, N. H. He saw Revolutionary service, being in the battle of Bunker Hill. John Glasford<sup>3</sup>, who m. Eunice Roberts, and d. in Tunbridge, Vt., was a veteran of the War of 1812. The father, William H.<sup>4</sup>, was b. in Tunbridge, Vt., July 15, 1831; m. Sarah Elizabeth Poor of Robinson, Me., July 4, 1852. He was for many years connected with the Powers Paper Co. of Holyoke. Always fond of books, he has become an expert in the matter of collecting rare and quaint volumes and manuscripts.

CLOGSTON, HENRY, WARD<sup>5</sup>, m. at Tunbridge, Vt., Sept. 12, 1881, Eva L., dau. of Freeman and Jane O. Ross of Northfield, Vt. He came hither from Springfield, purchasing the farm formerly owned by R. H. Hoyt and later by Hiram Deane on Burke Flat. Like his father, he is much interested in books, of an historical nature especially, and has devoted many years study to the compilation of his family genealogy. Children:

- i. WILLIAM HENRY<sup>6</sup>, b. in Bern. July 3, 1882.

COATS, CHARLES, came to this town from Deerfield, locating upon the so called "Thompson Farm" just north of Burk Flat. He was of Deerfield in 1744, and was a soldier in both French and Indian Wars. He m. Thankful ———, who d. Sept. 22, 1822. Nov. 28, 1762, he sold to George Lyons, a weaver of Bern., for £6, fifty acres which was a part of a tract purchased of Col. Timothy Dwight's lot, No. 180, in the third division, and which was bounded south by the country road. October 19, 1756, to January 23, 1757, he was stationed at Colrain in Capt. Israel Williams' Co. His name appears on John Burk's roll ending Nov. 30, 1758; in Israel William's Co., Dec. 11, 1755 to Oct. 18, 1756, "scouting to the Westward." Children:

- i. MIRIAM<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 14, 1749.
- ii. CHARLES<sup>2</sup>, b. Apr. 20, 1751; d. Dec. 16, 1823.
- iii. ESTHER<sup>2</sup>, b. Mch. 26, 1753.
- iv. SIMEON<sup>2</sup>, bap. Feb. 11, 1759; served during the Revolution six different enlistments from Sept. 1, 1776, to 1780, being stationed the most of the time at Ticonderoga and in the northern army and campaigns.
- v. (Probably) ELIZABETH<sup>2</sup>, m. Benjamin Green; d. ae. 38 years.
- vi. (Probably) JOHN<sup>2</sup>. He served four enlistments in the Revolution, seeing service from April 19, 1775, until Jan., 1778. For 100 days he was at Ticonderoga.
- vii. REUBEN<sup>2</sup>, enlisted for one year, and date not given, into the Continental Army from Capt. Amasa Sheldon's Hampshire Co. reg.

The following are more or less nearly connected with the family:

CHARLES HENRY, b. in Bern., July 16, 1814; was a farmer; d. in Woodstock, Ill., leaving a family of five children.

DAVID, b. Mch. 1, 1788; m. Elizabeth<sup>5</sup>, dau. John<sup>4</sup> Connable, January 12, 1810; d. in Wisconsin.

Charles Jr., brother of David, m. Mch. 22, 1813, Prudence<sup>5</sup>, dau. John<sup>4</sup> Connable. She died July 18, 1815, ae. 19. He d. in Ohio.

CONNABLE. Those of this name who have resided in town are descended from John Connabell, the emigrant ancestor who came to this country from London, England, in 1764, to Bos-



ton, where he resided until his death in 1724. He was a member of Capt. Turner's Co., and for his services he received the sum of £2 4s. 6d. His grant in the Falls Fight township was heired by his son Samuel<sup>2</sup>, his oldest son, John<sup>2</sup>, having d. in 1705. Mr. Connabell did not settle in Fall Town, but in June, 1730, gave his son Samuel<sup>3</sup> the power of attorney to protect and look after his interests there. Two of his children settled in town, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, who was baptized Apr. 7, 1717, and Sarah<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 22, 1718-19, wife of James Couch. Another dau., Elizabeth<sup>3</sup>, made it her home here with Samuel after the death of her husband, John Lee, and was, at her decease, buried here in the old cemetery. The youngest child, Hannah<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 13, 1729, m. (1) James Maxwell, May 18, 1749. After his decease she removed about the time of the blockade of Boston, to Bern., where she m. (2) Michael<sup>4</sup> Frizzle, and resided on "Frizzle Hill," where she d. She had six children by her first husband.

1. CONNABLE, SAMUEL<sup>3</sup>, (Samuel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), b. in Boston and bapt. at the Old North Church, Apr. 7, 1717; m. in New Haven, Ct., about 1740, Mary, dau. of Benjamin and Rebecca (Brown) English. According to tradition they set out for their new home in Fall Town immediately after their marriage, riding the same horse, and carrying their household goods. In this manner did they make the entire trip to town. She d. Dec. 29, 1791, ae. 76 years. Mr. Connable was one of the first settlers in town. The meeting house which he built was the first framed building in town, and according to the Connable genealogy, his house was the second dwelling. He built the first bridge in town in 1741 over Fall River, another in 1750, one in 1760 over the river at the saw mill. 1784, it was voted "that a bridge be built by Mr. Samuel Connabell's Old Saw Mill." He served as private Apr. 20, to May 1, 1775, also went out July 10, to Aug. 12, 1777, in an expedition in the northern department, receiving 16s. 8d. for 100 miles travel, and £1 5s. 4d. for time. Mr. Connable held various town offices. As heir of his father and by agreement with his brothers and sisters, he received about 230

acres of land in Fall Town, which amount he subsequently increased by purchase. A part of the house built by Mr. Connable in 1739 is still standing, as is also a large addition to it built many years before the Revolution, both in a good state of preservation. This is the place owned by the late Madison Ryther in North Bernardston. The farm and house have been owned by son John<sup>4</sup>, and grandsons Joseph<sup>5</sup> and Samuel<sup>5</sup>, since then by Hannibal Hadley, Elbridge Wheeler, Frank Temple, Laroy Cutler, a Mr. Look. It contains a unique feature in the way of a trap for rats built into the partitions, and shows the ingenuity of the builder. At the time of the building of the fort in 1739 there was no road or travel beyond his home. The old shingles and clapboards were secured with wrought nails made upon the anvil of a neighboring blacksmith. At the time of the blockade in Boston, Mr. Connable went there and brought back his sisters, Mrs. Lee, and Mrs. Maxwell and her four children. That year it was judged that he raised a double crop of grain. This was noticed by the people and it was generally believed that Providence had thus rewarded him for his care of his sisters. He d. Dec. 3, 1796. Children :

2. i. SAMUEL<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 11, 1743.
- ii. MARY<sup>4</sup>, b. about 1747. After the death of her father, she lived with the family of her brother John<sup>4</sup>, and after his decease in 1813, with his son Joseph<sup>5</sup>, occupying as her own the south lower room of her father's house, the use of which was given her by her father's will "so long as she shall live single, or be disposed to reside at my house." She always lived in the same house in which she was born, and died unmarried, Apr. 1, 1821. She was a remarkably ingenious, enterprising and industrious woman. It is a well known fact that her suggestions to her brother Samuel respecting the best methods of moving the meeting house in 1773 were adopted by him. She constructed a waterwheel near the house by which she could spin five "run" of linen in one day. She was one of the school teachers of Bernardston. Sept. 29, 1774, the town paid her £1 15s. "for keeping school."
3. iii. JOHN<sup>4</sup>, b. 1749.

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- iv. SARAH<sup>4</sup>, born in Sunderland May, 1751; m. (1) May 6, 1773, Hophni<sup>4</sup> Ryther; (2) ——— Ingraham; d. 1804.
  - v. REBECCA<sup>4</sup>, b. 1755; m. Ezra<sup>6</sup> Shattuck, Jan. 22, 1778; res. Beaver Meadow, Leyden; d. Mch. 1, 1816.
  - vi. ELIZABETH<sup>4</sup>, b. about 1757; m. William<sup>6</sup> Newcomb in 1779; died Nov. 14, 1821.
  - vii. PHOEBE<sup>4</sup>, b. about 1760; d. young.
2. CONNABLE, SAMUEL<sup>4</sup>, (Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 11, 1743; m. Nov. 13, 1770, Rebecca<sup>4</sup>, dau. of Lieut. David<sup>3</sup> Ryther. She was b. May 23, 1753; m. (2) Judge John Bridgman of Hinsdale, N. H., to whom she was published Feb. 24, 1799. She d. in Bern., Apr. 20, 1837. Mr. Connable resided on the Myron Corbett place, it being the farm adjoining his father's on the north. From 1770 on he held various town offices, in 1783 being town treasurer; in 1789-90, he was employed by the town in building bridges. He d. instantaneously Apr. 29, 1794. Children:
- i. ANNA<sup>5</sup>, b. July 30, 1772; m. Nehemiah Wright, June 5, 1794; d. June 16, 1853.
  - ii. EUNICE<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 27, 1774; m. Nov. 19, 1793, Dr. Simon Stevens of Guilford, Vt., where she d. Nov. 30, 1797.
  - iii. JONATHAN<sup>5</sup>, b. Aug. 13, 1776; m. Oct. 22, 1801, Asenath Wright of Easthampton; she died Dec. 13, 1839. Mr. Connable for many years had the title of captain, being captain of the militia. His homestead is now owned by his grandson, Abbott C. Brown, where he long kept a hotel. In 1816 and 1818 he was one of a committee to build bridges; in 1821 he was on the school committee. He d. Jan. 5, 1841. Had: 1. Rebecca Louisa<sup>6</sup>, b. June 13, 1803; m. Isaac<sup>3</sup> Burrows, Oct. 30, 1821; d. April 6, 1874. 2. Edwin Wright<sup>6</sup>, b. March 27, 1805; drowned June 3, 1807. 3. Edwin Wright<sup>6</sup>, b. May 25, 1807; d. Apr. 23, 1833, unm. 4. Samuel Lorenzo<sup>6</sup>, b. June 8, 1809; d. Dec. 29, 1823. 5. Mary Asenath<sup>6</sup>, b. May 27, 1812; m. (1) Feb. 24, 1830, Benjamin H. Carleton; (2) Dr. Isaac Jencks; (3) Daniel Joslyn. 6. Eunice Emeline<sup>6</sup>, b. July 2, 1814; m. Imla Keep Brown, March 27, 1838. 7. Laura Clarissa<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 14, 1817; m.

- Charles Pomeroy, Aug. 28, 1844; resided in Northfield; died Mch. 19, 1900. 8. Jane Amanda<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 15, 1819; d. August 7, 1829.
4. iv. EZRA<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 12, 1779.  
 v. AMELIA<sup>5</sup>, b. Dec. 29, 1781; m. Ebenezer Sereno Field about 1800; resided in Gill; d. Aug. 15, 1831.  
 vi. CAROLINE<sup>5</sup>, b. June 24, 1784; m. William Felton, Dec. 27, 1806; res. in Franklin, Vt.; her oldest dau., Eunice, m. Otis Warner.  
 vii. REBECCA<sup>5</sup>, b. July 22, 1787; d. Aug. 17, 1800.
3. CONNABLE, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, (Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), born 1749; m. (1) about 1779, in Guilford, Vt., Amy Edwards. She d. July 7, 1785; m. (2) in Leyden Nov. 8, 1786, Sarah Dewey; she d. Oct. 25, 1806, ae. 36; m. (3) Mrs. Abigail Congdon of Hadley, who survived him. Mr. Connable was chosen to various town offices; Committee of Inspection 1775. Reference is made to him as "Ensign John Connable," and it is likely that he served as ensign in the Revolution. He was private from Apr. 20 to May 1, 1775, in Capt. Agrippa Wells' Co.; July 10, to Aug. 12, 1777, in Capt. Amasa Sheldon's Co., Col. Elisha Porter's Reg., on an expedition to the northward; Sept. 23 to Oct. 18, 1777, in Capt. Joseph Stebbins' Co., Col. David Wells' Co., on an expedition in the northern department; Mch. 25, 1779, he was chosen chairman of Committee of Safety and Correspondence. Mch. 14, 1773, he bought of his father for £40, six acres, Lot No. 69, 2nd division, a five-acre lot No. 52, lying near the east branch of Fall River, originally drawn by John Ingraham; 50 acres, lot No. 92, 3rd division, together with one-third part of the sawmill standing on the premises, one-half of mill pond and mill yard. He d. Aug. 26, 1813. Children:
- i. PHILENDA<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 29, 1781; m. William R. Eddy about 1804; d. in Concord, Ohio, June 10, 1841.  
 ii. JOSEPH<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 2, 1782; m. Polly Maxwell of Guilford, Vt., December 4, 1811; removed Xenia, O.  
 iii. AMY<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 23, 1784; m. Richard W. Allen, May 18, 1806. By second wife:  
 iv. SARAH<sup>5</sup>, b. 1787; m. Ebenezer Carpenter about 1807; d. in Windsor, Vt., about 1813.

- v. DAVID<sup>5</sup>, b. June 2, 1789.
- vi. ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup>, b. Dec. 17, 1790; m. David Coats, Jan. 12, 1810.
- vii. MARY<sup>5</sup>, b. July 18, 1793; m. Zebina Carpenter July 30, 1817.
- viii. LYDIA<sup>5</sup>, b. April 23, 1795; m. Obed Gaines, Sept. 28, 1815.
- ix. PRUDENCE<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 22, 1797; m. Charles Coats, Jr., March 22, 1813; she d. July 18, 1815.
- x. LUCY<sup>5</sup>, b. May 27, 1799; m. Mansier Thomas, May 16, 1828.
- xi. ANN<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 2, 1801; m. John Kenny, Aug. 26, 1819.
- xii. JOHN<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 16, 1803; m. Eleanor Millerd, Dec. 27, 1832.
- xiii. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 16, 1805; m. Oct. 18, 1837, Susan, dau. Timothy Martin. She d. Nov. 8, 1889, ae. 76 years. In the summer of 1829 he was codfishing off the Labrador coast. In 1837 he bought his father's farm, the same upon which his grandfather settled about 1739. This he sold to Mr. Hadley and took up his residence nearly opposite the schoolhouse, where he d. June 21, 1890. For many years he had a cider distillery at North Bernardston. Had: 1. Celestia Edwards<sup>6</sup>, b. July 10, 1838; d. July 14, 1861; unm. 2. Son<sup>6</sup>, b. Sept. 15; d. Sept. 20, 1839. 3. Susan Jane<sup>6</sup>, b. Apr. 7, 1842; m. March 17, 1863, S. A. Sawyer of Peru, Vt. 4. Dwight Norris<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 21, 1843; m. Almeda Betsey Coon, Jan. 1, 1878; res. Wayne, Neb; one dau. 5. Sarah Dewey<sup>6</sup>, b. March 22, 1845; m. Samuel Stiles of Peru, Vt., Sept. 21, 1864; she d. in 1877. 6. Abby Bontecou<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 26, 1847; m. Charles Hosley of Gill, Sept. 12, 1871. 7. Mary Ann Ashbury<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 13, 1849; m. Henry A. Bagg, Sept. 19, 1877; d. Feb. 25, 1899. 8. Harriet Augusta<sup>6</sup>, b. July 18, 1851; m. June 19, 1878, Samuel Stiles, her deceased sister's husband.

- 4. CONNABLE, EZRA<sup>6</sup>, (Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 12, 1779. He always resided in the house in which he died, Mch. 31, 1840, and which was sold to Zenas Cutler. He was published with Abigail Stevens of Warwick, Oct. 22, 1808. She d. Oct. 23, 1812; published Apr. 16, 1814, with Mary Denison of Leyden; she d. Nov. 7, 1836; m. (3) Sept. 3, 1838, Mrs. Sylvia P. Willard of Swanzey, N. H. She m. (3) Rufus Chase, Mch. 10, 1843; d. Sept. 29, 1855. His farm is now owned by Mr. Myron Corbett. Mr. Connable served the town as school committee and surveyor of highways. Children:



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- i. CAROLINE ABBY<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan. 5, 1810; m. Dr. A. R. Sabin.
  - ii. ELBERT LEE<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 10, 1811.
  - iii. CHARLES DENNISON<sup>6</sup>, b. March 1, 1815; d. Aug. 21, 1818.
  - iv. MARY ANN DENNISON<sup>6</sup>, b. May 26, 1817; m. Rev. Ashbury Low, Sept. 5, 1842.
  - v. ELIZABETH FRANCES<sup>6</sup>, b. Apr. 27, 1819; m. Nathan Hornaday, July 18, 1848.
  - vi. AUGUSTA SOPHRONIA<sup>6</sup>, b. Oct. 7, 1823; m. (1) George Wheeler, March, 1840; (2) Alexander B. Fulton, Nov. 20, 1853.
  - 5. vii. SAMUEL CHARLES<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan. 3, 1826.
5. CONNABLE, SAMUEL<sup>6</sup>, (Ezra<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>.)  
 b. Jan. 3, 1826; is a carpenter and farmer; m. Oct. 6, 1848, Eunice Amanda, dau. Daniel and Martha Brooks. She was b. in Gill, Sept. 12, 1827; d. Sept. 20, 1886; m. (2) Mrs. Mattie B. Harris, Apr. 8, 1893. Resides in Gill near the factory of E. S. Hurlbert & Co. Children:
- i. HOLLIS EZRA<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 19, 1849; d. Aug. 7, 1851.
  - ii. HOLLIS EZRA<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 6, 1852; m. May 22, 1878, Emma Jane, dau. Elihu C. Osgood of Greenfield. They reside in Greenfield, where he follows the trade of shoe trimmer; former occupation that of a carpenter. Had: 1. Charles Elihu<sup>8</sup>, b. Mch. 9, 1879. 2. Mary Brooks<sup>8</sup>, b. Aug. 3, 1880. 3. Edna Osgood<sup>8</sup>, born March 13, 1882. 4. Hollis Ezra<sup>8</sup>, b. July 3, 1884. 5. Walter Dennison<sup>8</sup>, (twin) b. Nov. 29, 1887. 6. William Green<sup>8</sup>, (twin) b. Nov. 29, 1887. 7. Ruth<sup>8</sup>, b. May 15, 1892. 8. Emma<sup>8</sup>, b. Apr. 23, 1894.
  - iii. DANIEL BROOKS<sup>7</sup>, b. May 27, 1854; d. July 24, 1859.
  - iv. MARY DENNISON<sup>7</sup>, b. May 23, 1861; d. Dec. 28, 1861.
  - v. KATE ALLEN<sup>7</sup>, b. Dec. 29, 1862; d. Apr. 15, 1864.
  - vi. SAMUEL WRIGHT<sup>7</sup>, b. Dec. 6, 1864; d. Jan. 15, 1892.
  - vii. WILLIE SEVERANCE<sup>7</sup>, b. Oct. 20, 1867; d. Dec. 1, 1887.
  - viii. CHARLES<sup>7</sup>, b. July 25, 1872; d. Aug. 15, 1872.

COOK, BENJAMIN, b. about 1736, served for the town of Bernardston two or three terms in the Revolutionary service. Was discharged from the service in 1780.

COOK, C. O., came from Turners Falls about 1890-94, purchasing the wheelwright business carried on by the late Nelson

Blake, which he successfully conducts. He resides on the place owned by the late George Green. Has been twice married. A dau. married Marshall F. Whithed.

COOLEY, OLIVER, was a trader and inn-holder. He was early of this place, where the births of some of his children are recorded. He removed to Deerfield about 1806, purchasing there the old tavern lot; m. (1) Jemima, dau. of Eleazer Wells. Their intention was published May 25, 1794; she d. June 5, 1820; m. (2) Hannah, dau. Eliakim Field, and widow of Samuel Grimes of Whately. His store was where the late Hartley Hale resided. He was selectman in 1808. Children:

- i. JEMIMA HARRIET<sup>2</sup>, b. Mch. 22, 1795; m. May 24, 1814, Jackson Dickinson; (2) Judge Frederick Allen of Boston, Feb. 26, 1829.
- ii. RODNEY OLIVER<sup>2</sup>, b. Nov. 24, 1805.
- iii. CHARLOTTE AUGUSTA<sup>2</sup>, m. June 5, 1828, Cyrus W. Clark of Turner, Me.
- iv. LUCINDE ELIZA<sup>2</sup>, b. Sept. 21, 1796; m. Sept. 5, 1825, George Dickinson.
- v. GEORGE<sup>2</sup>, b. July 28, 1810; was a lawyer in Maine.
- vi. MARY<sup>2</sup>, b. June 6, 1818.

COOLIDGE, JOSIAH, was one of the early inhabitants, being surveyor of highways here in the year 1776.

COOLIDGE, DANIEL, was warden in 1781.

1. CORBETT, MOSES, SR., b. 1769, came here from Wilmington, Vt., to live with his son Joseph; m. Polly Loomis. She d. Mch. 19, 1838, *ae.* 64 years. He died in Hartsville, N. Y., Jan. 8, 1853, *ae.* 84. He resided on what is known as the Bellows place on the old Leyden road, selling the same to John Lyons of Greenfield upon his removal from town with his son Joseph. Children:

- i. JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, m. Jane Babcock of Leyden. He came here from Wilmington, Vt., settling on the "Bellows Place" on the old road to Leyden. As his wife was a Leyden woman, and the births of his children are here recorded, it is probable that he came

here prior to 1820. With his family he removed West. Had:  
 1. Jane<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept. 10, 1818. 2. Joseph B.<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 18, 1820.  
 3. James W.<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 27, 1823; settled in Illinois. 4. Nancy<sup>3</sup>,  
 b. July 3, 1827. 5. George R.<sup>3</sup>, b. Dec. 31, 1830. 6. David  
 C.<sup>3</sup>, b. Jan. 12, 1834. 7. Darius C.<sup>3</sup>, b. Jan. 12, 1834. These  
 last two probably removed to California in the early fifties. 8.  
 Mary Eliza<sup>3</sup>, b. Dec. 21, 1838.

ii. JOSIAH<sup>2</sup>.

iii. SALLY<sup>2</sup>.

iv. LUCINDA<sup>2</sup>, m. ——— Blodgett; res. Wilmington. Vt.

2. v. MOSES<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 4, 1812.

2. CORBETT, MOSES<sup>2</sup>, (Moses<sup>1</sup>.) b. Feb. 4, 1812; m. Betsey Carpenter  
 of Rowe, Mass., Sept., 1839. She d. Jan. 1, 1875, ae. 55 years.  
 They resided in the south-east part of Guilford, on the road  
 leading to the Sol. Andrews place. The last of his life he  
 resided with and d. at his son Myron's. Children:

i. LIZZIE A.<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept., 1840; m. June, 1859, S. P. Sherwin; residence,  
 Brattleboro.

ii. THERESA P.<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept., 1842; m. H. C. Ingraham; res. West Spring-  
 field.

iii. MYRON L.<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 28, 1844; m. Mch. 19, 1867, Mary S., dau. of  
 Hiram Johnson of Vernon, Vt. Mr. Corbett served in the Civil  
 War, enlisting as a private in Co. K, 9th Vt. Vol., June, 1862. In  
 spring of 1864 was promoted to corporal, and the succeeding fall,  
 to the office of sergeant; was mustered out of service June, 1865.  
 In July, 1882, he came to town from Brattleboro, Vt., purchasing  
 the old Connable place, later owned by Zenas Cutler, afterward  
 by A. U. Chase, at North Bernardston, his present home. In  
 1886 he was chosen selectman, and has served in that capacity  
 for eleven years. In 1891 he went as representative from the  
 1st Franklin Co. district. He is an active member of the  
 Baptist church. Had: 1. Cora E., m. Mr. Eastman. 2.  
 Daughter, d. Dec. 25, 1881.

iv. JEROME<sup>3</sup>, m. Rose Corey of Wardsboro, Vt.; res. West Springfield.

v. CLARENCE C.<sup>3</sup>, m. Mary E. Ground; is a dentist residing in Ed-  
 wardsville, Ill.

vi. DAVID C., m. and resides in Denver, Col.

- vii. JENNIE L., m. W. W. Bradbur, June 29, 1887; resides Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
- viii. APOLLOS E., d. June, 1891; was a dentist of Cincinnati, O.
- ix. LEROY.
- x. MYRTIE M.; res. West Springfield, Mass.

COUCH, JAMES, was b. in 1718. He m. (1) Sarah<sup>3</sup>, dau. of Samuel<sup>2</sup> Connable. She was b. in Boston, Feb. 22, 1718-19, and died May 7, 1799; m. (2) Sept. 14, 1801, Mrs. Mehitable Alexander, their united ages being at that time 166 years. Mr. Couch was a house joiner by trade, one of the first settlers in town, coming here before 1747, and probably before 1744; resided on the farm now owned by Ralph Cushman. He took quite a prominent part in the very early history, holding many civil offices. Was selectman 1769, 72, 79, Committee of Inspection 1775, to which office was added that of Correspondence and Safety in 1777. During the Indian wars he was one of those who removed to the Burk Fort for protection when not engaged in active service. From Dec. 11, 1755, to Oct. 18, 1756, he was out in Israel William's Co. in an expedition to the westward. His name also appears on Capt. John Burk's roll ending Nov. 30, 1758. He d. without children, Jan. 4, 1816, ae. 98.

CRONYN, REV. DAVID, b. Feb. 27, 1839, in N. Y. State; attended the Meadville Theological School; is a retired Unitarian minister, residing on the farm formerly owned by Amos Carleton; m. 1874, Zella R. Reid, who is a native of Indiana. Children:

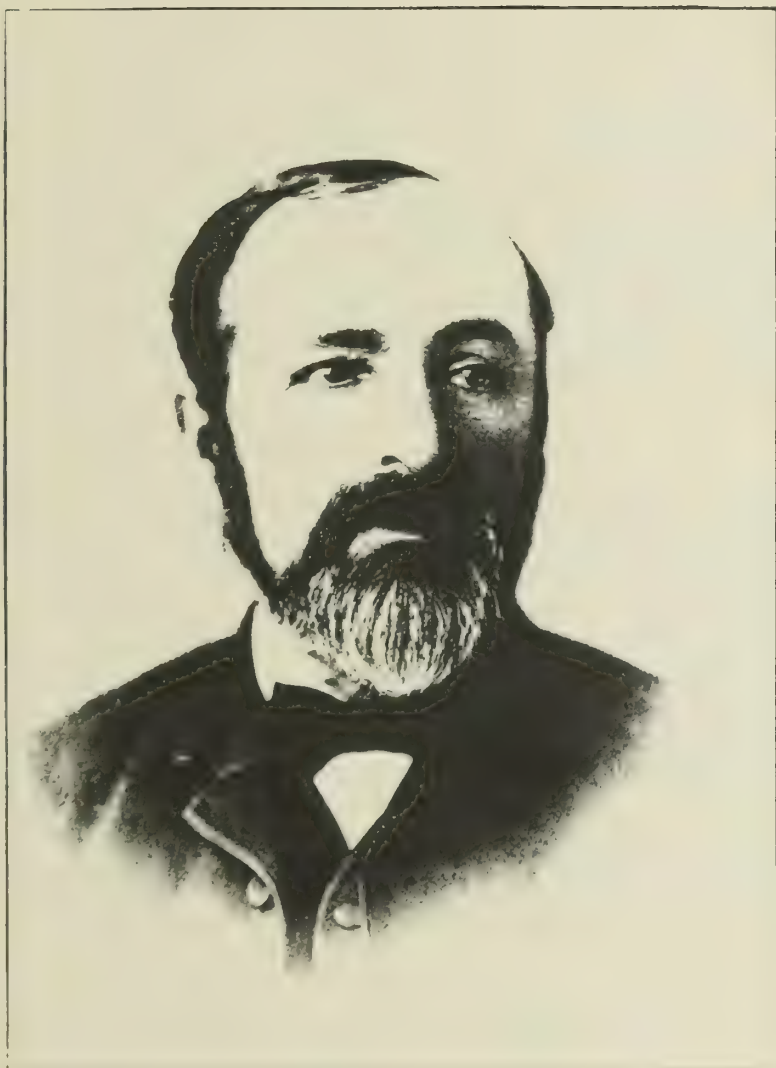
- i. RUTH R., b. Sept. 10, 1875; m. 1901, Arthur Cairns; resides Sawyerville, P. Q.
- ii. ZELLA R., b. May 5, 1877.
- iii. THOREAU, b. Nov. 25, 1880; now a student in California.
- iv. FREDRIKA, b. Dec. 9, 1883.
- v. THEODORE, b. June 13, 1887.

CROWELL, RANSOM, LEVI<sup>4</sup>, (Levi<sup>3</sup>, Levi<sup>2</sup>, Christopher<sup>1</sup>, Christopher<sup>1</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>). The original name was Crowe. John<sup>1</sup>,

b. in England or Wales, was an inhabitant of Charlestown 1635, 7, 8; of Yarmouth, 1638, where he died 1673. In the third generation the name assumed the present form of Crowell, b. May 24, 1829, in Westminster, West, Vt. He removed from Putney, Vt., to Bernardston, about 1875, where he purchased the store opposite the New England House, and has carried on a most successful business. Since residing in town he has identified himself strongly with the social, educational and religious interests of the place. In 1880 he received the appointment of justice of the peace; has also been selectman for the years 1884 and 1885, assessor and trustee of Powers Institute. He has always been an active member of the Congregational church, and for several years its Sunday school superintendent. He m. May 23, 1850, Emily', dau. of Rev. Abel<sup>a</sup> Cutler of Northampton. Children:

- i. HOMER CUTLER<sup>9</sup>, b. Jan. 14, 1852; m. Anna A. Fiske of Chazy, N. Y. He graduated at Middlebury, Vt., College, practiced medicine two years, and after graduating at the medical college in New York, he was for a time in South America; since then he has resided at East Syracuse, N. Y., and Kansas City.
2. ii. HILAND RANSOM<sup>9</sup>, d. Dec. 9, 1853.
- iii. HENRY LINCOLN<sup>9</sup>, b. Oct. 13, 1860; m. June 6, 1888, Kate<sup>5</sup>, dau. of Dea. Henry<sup>4</sup> Slate. He was of the firm of R. L. Crowell and Son. He is actively interested in church and town affairs, and is the present town clerk, being chosen to that office in 1893. He is an active member of the firm of E. S. Hurlbert & Co., manufacturers of cutlery.
3. iv. PRESTON RANNEY<sup>9</sup>, b. June 12, 1862.
- v. JENNIE SOPHIA<sup>9</sup>, b. Nov. 10, 1869; died June 25, 1872.
2. CROWELL, HILAND RANSOM<sup>9</sup>, (Ransom L.<sup>a</sup>, Levi<sup>7</sup>, Levi<sup>6</sup>, Christopher<sup>5</sup>, Christopher<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>.) b. Dec. 9, 1853; m. Lillian F., dau. of William Esterbrooks of Susquehanna Depot, Pa., May 7, 1878. He has been successfully engaged in business in West Northfield, also at East Northfield. He disposed of his interests there and has now taken up his residence in Southern California. Children:





R. L. CROWELL.



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- i. WILLIE, b. June 2, 1879; now a student in Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston.
- ii. DAISY E., b. Aug. 12, 1884.
3. CROWELL, REV. PRESTON RANNEY<sup>9</sup>, (Ransom L.<sup>8</sup>, Levi<sup>7</sup>, Levi<sup>6</sup>, Christopher<sup>5</sup>, Christopher<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>.) b. June 12, 1862. He graduated at Powers Institute, also Williston Seminary 1882, at the University of Syracuse, N. Y., class of 1886, and from the Union Theological Seminary in 1890. In 1887 he accepted a position as instructor of Latin and Greek in Rockland College at Nyack, N. Y. Since finishing his professional studies he has been pastor of churches at Cheyenne, Wyo, and Greenfield, N. H. He is now at Phillipston, Mass. He m. in 1891, Olivia S. Murray of Bern. Children:
- i. JENNIE O.<sup>10</sup>, b. 1892.
- ii. RUTH A.<sup>10</sup>, b. 1895.
- CUSHMAN, NATHANIEL<sup>5</sup>, (Lieut. Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Rev. Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Elder Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>, the Puritan who came in the Mayflower,) b. May 28; 1712; m. (1) Sarah, dau. of William Coomer of Plympton, Nov. 22, 1733. She died April 14, 1753; m. (2) Aug. 23, 1753, Temperance Sims. She died Feb. 27, 1774. About 1740 Mr. Cushman removed to Lebanon, Ct.; thence between 1774 and 1778 to Bernardston, residing with his son, Dr. Polycarpus<sup>6</sup> Cushman. He was a captain of the militia, and a man of great importance in those days. He d. at Montague, Oct 1, 1793. Children:
- i. ISAAC<sup>6</sup>, b. Oct. 20, 1734; resided Stafford, Ct., where he d. 1813.
- ii. SARAH<sup>6</sup>, b. Nov. 12, 1736; m.; d. Apr. 12, 1812.
- iii. NATHANIEL<sup>6</sup>, b. Sept. 2, 1738; m. (1) Phoebe<sup>6</sup>, dau. of Peter<sup>5</sup> Newcomb.
2. iv. CONSIDER<sup>6</sup>, b. July 6, 1740.
- v. SIMEON<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 14, 1744; settled in So. Carolina.
- vi. WILLIAM<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan. 29, 1746; d. in New York State.
- vii. AMBROSE<sup>6</sup>, b. July 27, 1748; d. in Lebanon, Ct.
3. viii. POLYCARPUS<sup>6</sup>, b. Nov. 14, 1750.
- ix. ARTEMAS<sup>6</sup>, b. July 28, 1752; m. Sarah Williams of Lebanon, Ct. He was selectman and assessor 1786-88 and 90. By trade he

was a clothier. He was captain in the militia, and served in the Revolution. He died Oct. 18, 1841, at Colchester, Vt., at his daughter's. Had: 1. John Williams<sup>7</sup>, b. June 4, 1778; d. December 8, 1779. 2. Roxalena<sup>7</sup>, b. Nov. 18, 1779, (T. R.); m. Ebenezer<sup>6</sup> Bardwell of Shelburne, Mch. 27, 1803. 3. Anna<sup>7</sup>, b. May 21, 1782; m. William Granger of Greenfield. 4. Artemas<sup>7</sup>, b. July 6, 1783; res. and d. in Ohio. 5. Thylura<sup>7</sup>, b. July 6, 1787; m. Rufus Parmilee of Weybridge, Vt., 1810. 6. Sarah<sup>7</sup>, b. Sept. 4, 1788; m. May 28, 1816, Peter<sup>7</sup> Newcomb of Colchester, Vt., formerly of Bern. 7. Vilate<sup>7</sup>, b. March 30, 1791; m. Alfred B., son of Jonathan Allen, Dec. 22, 1811; rem. to Colchester, Vt. 8. Chloe<sup>7</sup>, b. May 30, 1793; m. George A.<sup>6</sup>, son of Jonathan<sup>5</sup> Allen, May 26, 1818; resided Burlington, Vt. She d. July 30, 1832. 9. Sophronia<sup>7</sup>, b. Mch. 16, 1798; m. Samuel Whiting of Bern. She d. in Ionawanda Creek, N. Y., 1835. 10. Fanny<sup>7</sup>, b. July 16, 1801; d. unm., in Colchester, Vt., Sept. 27, 1848. 11. Harriet<sup>7</sup>, m. 1817, Jonathan M. Bissell of Bern.; d. in Illinois in 1852.

By second wife:

- x. TEMPERANCE<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 31, 1754; d. in Ct.
- xi. REBECCA<sup>6</sup>, b. Nov. 28, 1755; d. young.
- xii. ABIGAIL<sup>6</sup>, b. Mch. 22, 1757; d. young.
- xiii. MERCY<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 10, 1760; d. Feb. 24, 1760.
- xiv. JOAB<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 27, 1761; d. Nov. 4, 1824, in Ct.

2. CUSHMAN, CONSIDER<sup>6</sup>, (Nathaniel<sup>5</sup>, Lieut. Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Rev. Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Elder Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Rev. Robert<sup>1</sup>.) b. July 6, 1740; m. Submit Newcomb. She d. Feb. 29, 1814, ae. 69. He was a soldier in the French and Indian War; resided in Lebanon, Ct., Bernardston, Greenfield. He d. in the north part of Greenfield, Apr. 4, 1819, and with his wife, is buried in the cemetery on Log Plain. Children:

- i. AZEL<sup>7</sup>, b. 1765, in Brookfield; d. July 12, 1816, in Chester, Vt.
- ii. SUBMIT<sup>7</sup>, b. 1767, in Brookfield; d. 1821, in Halifax, Vt.
- iii. CONSIDER<sup>7</sup>, b. Oct. 27, 1768; m. Rhoda Gaines of Gill, Jan., 1791. She was b. July 25, 1769; d. Nov. 13, 1853. He was a farmer, residing at Bernardston, Greenfield and Gill; at the latter place he d. Aug. 13, 1850. Had: 1. Lucinda<sup>8</sup>, b. Feb. 18, 1792; d. May 2, 1803. 2. Calvin Newcomb<sup>8</sup>, b. July 25, 1793; d. Mch. 19,

1847, at Marcy, N. Y., unm. 3. Serepta<sup>8</sup>, b. Feb. 19, 1795; m. (1) Stillman Spurr, Feb. 27, 1816, and had Clarissa, who m. Allen B.<sup>4</sup> Hale; she m. (2) 1831, Amos<sup>2</sup> Carrier of Bern. (second wife). 4. Zorah<sup>8</sup>, b. Nov. 12, 1796; d. Apr. 15, 1803. 5. Rhoda<sup>8</sup>, b. Feb. 17, 1798; m. Horace<sup>7</sup> Atherton, Apr. 29, 1817; she d. Sept. 14, 1830. 6. Mary<sup>8</sup>, b. Nov. 5, 1799; m. Oct. 28, 1817, Amos<sup>2</sup> Carrier. She d. Nov. 2, 1829. 7. Sarah<sup>8</sup>, b. November 30, 1801; m. Apr. 29, 1823, Horace<sup>3</sup> Hale; d. July 10, 1846. 8. Aurelia Lucinda<sup>8</sup>, b. Sept. 5, 1803; m. May 26, 1829, Israel P.<sup>3</sup> Hale; d. July 14, 1892. 9. Carpus<sup>8</sup>, b. Sept. 11, 1805; d. Apr. 5, 1808. 10. Harriet<sup>8</sup>, b. July 30, 1807; m. John<sup>3</sup> Nelson of Leyden, Jan. 27, 1828; d. Oct. 5, 1862. 11. Lathrop<sup>8</sup>, b. May 23, 1809; m. Achsah W., dau. Jeremiah Dean of Gill, October 24, 1839. She d. in 1886. Mr. Cushman was selectman in 1860, was also assessor and overseer of the poor in Gill. The last of his life he lived on the "Green" in Bern.

iv. SALLY<sup>7</sup>, b. in Bern.; m. (1) Calvin Stratton of Montague; (2) Capt. Howes of Ballston, N. Y.

v. HANNAH<sup>7</sup>, b. in Bern.; m. Capt. Ephraim Upham of Montague.

vi. SILAS<sup>7</sup>, b. in Bern., March 5, 1778; resided at Westville, N. Y.

vii. AMBROSE<sup>7</sup>, b. in Bern.; d. in Fort Covington, N. Y.

viii. REBECCA<sup>7</sup>, m. William Lord; resided Ballston Springs, N. Y.

ix. ORILLA<sup>7</sup>, m. Major Wright; removed to Ohio.

x. LUCINDA<sup>7</sup>, d. young.

3. CUSHMAN, DR. POLYCARPUS<sup>6</sup>, (Nathaniel<sup>5</sup>, Lieut. Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Rev. Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Elder Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Rev. Robert<sup>1</sup>.) Of the professional men, Bernardston's physicians easily assume a place in the first ranks. The first one in town was Dr. Polycarpus Cushman, who took up his residence here about 1772. Prior to that time the people had depended for medical aid upon the physicians of Deerfield and Northfield, and at a later period on Greenfield. As will be seen, Dr. Cushman was of full blooded Puritan descent. The ancestor, Robert Cushman, was a member of Rev. Mr. Robinson's church in Leyden, Holland, and came to this country in 1621. The maternal ancestor of Dr. Cushman was Mary, dau. of Isaac Allerton, who came over in the Mayflower in 1620. Dr. Cushman was born in Columbia, Ct., Nov. 14, 1750, and was one of 14 chil-



dren. His education was obtained in or near the place of his nativity. When about 22 years of age he removed to Bernardston and purchased 175 acres of land, the original grant being to Medad Pomeroy. He built a large two-story house, entered upon the practice of his profession, continuing until his death. In 1774 he m. Rachael<sup>s</sup>, dau. of Aaron<sup>d</sup> Field. She was b. 1751, and d. Sept. 1, 1812. Dr. Cushman's practice as a physician was extensive in Bernardston and the adjacent towns. He was noted for his activity, industry and enterprise, accumulating a large estate. He was treasurer of Bernardston in 1784 and 85, and also held other town offices. His remains were consigned to the old burying ground, where to-day may be seen the old headstone, bearing this inscription, which certainly might be commended upon the ground of oddity, as well as for the self-apparent truths contained therein :

TO THE MEMORY  
OF DOCTOR  
POLYCARPUS  
CUSHMAN  
WHO DIED 15TH. DECEMBER.  
A. D. 1797 AETATE 47.

Vain censorious beings little know,  
What they must experience below.  
Your lives are short, eternity is long,  
O think of death, prepare and then be gone.  
Thus art and natures powers and charms,  
And drugs and receipts and forms  
Yield at last to greedy worms,  
A despicable prey.

Mors absque morbo vorax  
Mortalium rapuit nedicum.

Of the Latin a literal translation is difficult : "Barber's Historical collections of Massachusetts" gives the following : "Rapacious death, without disease, has snatched away the healer of mortals." It is to be presumed that the following is more nearly the meaning of the author : "By disease, de-

vouring death has even snatched away the healer of mortals." This inscription is supposed to have been composed by Dr. Gideon Ryther, a pupil of Dr. Cushman's. Another translation and one still more liberal, which is sometimes made, is: "He, who by his skill has saved others, himself has fallen a prey, through disease, to insatiable death." Children :

- i. SOPHRONIA<sup>7</sup>, b. May 7, 1775; d. Aug. 3, 1814; m. Feb. 14, 1795, George<sup>6</sup> Alexander of Bern.
4. ii. POLYCARPUS<sup>7</sup>, b. Sept. 21, 1778.
- iii. SIMEON<sup>7</sup>, b. Oct. 13, 1780; m. Nov. 10, 1818, Mary<sup>7</sup>, dau. of Dea. Jonathan<sup>6</sup> Sheldon. He d. July 9, 1824, and she m. (2) Feb. 2, 1826, Jason Brown of Bern. She d. Oct. 25, 1875. Mr. Cushman was a farmer and clothier by occupation, residing on the place now owned by Jonathan Cushman, his mill being now owned by E. S. Hurlbert. Had: 1. Simeon Sheldon<sup>8</sup>, b. Jan. 6, 1821; m. (1) May 16, 1850, Sybil S.<sup>8</sup>, dau. Dea. Thomas Snow, She d. Dec. 10, 1855; m. (2) Widow Parmenter; (3) Amanda<sup>3</sup>, dau. of George<sup>2</sup> Parmenter. She d. Mch. 5, 1862. He resides Fairfield, Ia. 2. Jonathan Field<sup>8</sup>, b. Feb. 4, 1822; m. Dec. 29, 1855, Armenia B., dau. of James and Lucinda (Norton) bishop of New York State; no children. Mr. Cushman is a farmer, residing on his father's place. Mrs. Cushman is a great-granddaughter of Rev. John Norton, the first pastor of Fall Town, her descent being as follows: Rev. John Norton<sup>1</sup>, John Norton<sup>2</sup>, Capt. John Norton<sup>3</sup>, Lucinda P.<sup>4</sup> (Norton) Bishop, Armenia B.<sup>5</sup> (Bishop) Cushman. 3. Mary<sup>8</sup>, b. Dec. 2, 1823; d. Sept. 4, 1848; unm.
5. iv. RALPH<sup>7</sup>, b. Feb. 22, 1783.
6. v. SEORIM<sup>7</sup>, b. May 30, 1785.
- vi. RACHAEL<sup>7</sup>, b. September 1, 1787; d. May 10, 1810; m. 1808, John<sup>5</sup> Purple.
- vii. ISAAC<sup>7</sup> Dr., b. Sept. 12, 1790; d. Mch. 25, 1850, in Shelburne, N. Y.

Of the Cushman families down to the present generation, there were many characteristics in common. They were men of quiet dignity, rather inclined to a pleasing reserve of manner, of sound judgment and strict business integrity, which enabled them to accumulate considerable property. Almost without exception they were zealous supporters of the Unitarian church and among the most constant attendants.

4. CUSHMAN, HON. POLYCARPUS LORING<sup>7</sup>, (Dr. Polycarpus<sup>6</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>5</sup>, Lieut. Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Rev. Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Elder Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Rev. Robert<sup>1</sup>.)  
b. Sept. 21, 1778; m. Sally, dau. of David Wyles of Colchester, Ct., Nov. 27, 1804. She d. at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Aug. 13, 1845; m. (2) July 21, 1846, Abigail (Barnard), widow of Thaddeus Coleman of Greenfield. She was b. in Sterling, Nov. 29, 1786. Mr. Cushman was a prominent public spirited man, one who enjoyed the confidence and respect of his fellow townsmen, as was shown by his repeated election to important town offices. For fourteen years he was justice of the peace. For the years 1810, 16 and 17, he was overseer of the poor, selectman and assessor; in 1816 and 1840, he went as representative to legislative halls; in 1844 he was one of the senators from Franklin Co. He was an enthusiastic farmer, progressive in the true sense of the term, and was one of the first and most active members of the Franklin County Agricultural Society. He d. May 16, 1855, ae. 77 years. His home was the place now owned by E. E. Benjamin. Child:
- i. HENRY WYLES<sup>8</sup>, b. Aug. 9, 1805; m. (1) June 16, 1828, Maria Louisa, dau. of Thomas Dickman of Greenfield. She d. Oct. 11, 1855; m. (2) June 2, 1858, Anne Williams, dau. of Thomas Fettyplace of Salem. She now resides in Greenfield. Mr. Cushman supplemented his common school education by courses of study at Deerfield and New Salem academies. When eighteen years of age he entered the military school of Capt. Alden Partridge in Norwich, Vt., pursuing his studies there for two years, and from this institution he received the degree of Master of Arts in 1827. After leaving school for some time he worked upon his father's farm summers, teaching during the winter season. He later assumed control of the hotel, which under his management was most prosperous. "Then and to the close of his life, he devoted himself to political and public trusts, to the care of his own means and the means of others, to literary and antiquarian researches, to a round of recurring duties, public and private, which he discharged with unflinching precision, honesty and judgment." For nineteen years he was clerk and treasurer of his town, for fifteen years a member of

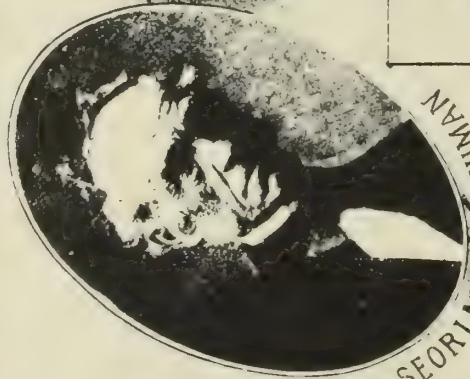
the school committee. In 1837, 39, 40 and 44 he represented his town in the State Legislature; in 1844 he was chosen by the Legislature to fill a vacancy in the senate caused by the death of his Franklin County colleague, and by a singular coincidence he was seated side by side with his father, Hon. P. L. Cushman, of opposite political views. The latter had been elected to the Senate for that term by the peoples vote. In 1847, and for five years after, he was the Democratic candidate for Lieutenant-Governor; and in 1851-52, there having been no choice by the people, he was chosen to that office by the Legislature. He was a director of the State Life Assurance Company at Worcester, and of the Conway Fire Insurance Co., a member of the State Board of Agriculture, which he actively aided in founding in 1852. He was a resident member of the New England Historic and Genealogical Society of Boston, and a corresponding member of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. In 1849 he was chosen the first president of the Franklin County Bank, Greenfield, an office he filled through life. For many years he was trustee of the Franklin Savings Institution, and at his death, its president, as he was also of the Franklin County Agricultural Society. In educational matters he was always interested and actively so, being all that in his power lay, to promote such interests in his own and other towns. His various bequests as heretofore noted, bear testimony to how much the town of Bernardston is indebted to him in this as well as in other ways. And for a fuller account of his good deeds, the reader is referred to the foregoing pages. In historical matters he was intensely interested. It is to him that the Cushman family owe thanks for their excellent genealogy, and had he been spared longer, Bernardston annals would have been in print at least twenty-five years earlier. The Unitarian society lost in him an active, useful member, one whose interest and helpfulness were always to be relied upon, and in accordance with the provisions of his will, his home opposite the park became the parsonage for that society. For years he was superintendent of the Sunday school. The work he did toward planning and superintending the erection of the Institute buildings, Cushman Hall, Cushman Park, and Library, attest his love and goodwill toward his fellow townsmen, who have every reason to hold his memory in grateful remembrance. He d. in the midst of his usefulness, Nov. 21, 1863.

5. CUSHMAN, RALPH<sup>7</sup>, (Polycarpus<sup>6</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>6</sup>, Lieut. Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Rev. Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Elder Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Rev. Robert<sup>1</sup>.) b. Feb. 22, 1783; m. Sarah<sup>8</sup>, dau. of Major Samuel<sup>7</sup> Root, Sept. 19, 1809. She d. June 24, 1834; m. (2) Nov. 4, 1835, Mrs. Elizabeth D., widow of Rev. Charles Richardson of Charlestown, N. H., and dau. of David Dennison of Leyden. She d. Mch. 11, 1878. Mr. Cushman was a man of good general information, having been a school teacher in his younger days, and retaining throughout life his cultured refinement and interest in passing events. He was a justice of the peace, town clerk for 16 years, treasurer for 21, and selectman and assessor four years. He successfully carried on a farm of 400 acres. His early home was on the place now owned by H. O. Root. Upon the death of his wife's father, Major Root, he removed to his farm, the one now owned by Ralph Cushman. He died on his eightieth birthday, Feb. 22, 1863. Children:

- i. SYLVIRA SOPHRONIA<sup>8</sup>, b. Jan. 31, 1811; d. July 29, 1840; unm.
- ii. SARAH RACHEAL<sup>8</sup>, b. July 9, 1813; m. Barnard W. Field, Oct. 27, 1835; resided Gerry, N. Y.
- iii. ALONZO RALPH<sup>8</sup>, b. Feb. 14, 1816; m. Sarah Selina, dau. of Lorin Munn of Greenfield, Oct. 1, 1839. She was b. Jan. 7, 1819; d. Aug. 6, 1876. Mr. Cushman was a farmer, residing opposite Jonathan Cushman's. The latter part of his life was spent at the village, where he was for some years assistant postmaster. He died Oct. 1 or 17, 1880. Had: 1. Rachael Field<sup>9</sup>, b. April 11, 1842; m. Feb. 24, 1864, Henry F. Capen of Hadley; resides New Britain, Ct. 2. Clara Sylvira<sup>9</sup>, b. Feb. 7, 1846; m. John M. Morse in 1875; resides Guilford, Vt. He d. Jan., 1901.
- iv. LUCINDA<sup>8</sup>, b. Mch. 14, 1820; m. Rev. Thomas Weston, Apr. 29, 1852; d. in Greenfield.
- v. MARY ANN<sup>8</sup>, b. Aug. 4, 1822; d. Sept. 21, 1824.
- vi. MARY ANN<sup>8</sup>, b. April 5, 1825; d. Dec. 11, 1833.
- vii. LUCY ROOT<sup>8</sup>, b. Apr. 20, 1828; m. Lyman G. Barton, Apr. 29, 1852; resides Greenfield.
- viii. SAMUEL ROOT<sup>8</sup>, b. Feb. 15, 1831; m. and d. in Lake City, Ia., March 10, 1898.
7. ix. HENRY CLAY<sup>8</sup>, b. Aug. 20, 1836.





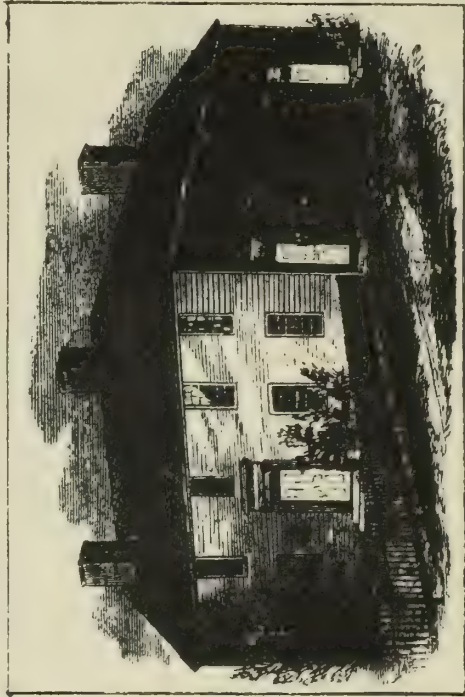


SEORIM CUSHMAN



HULDAH CUSHMAN

THE OLD CUSHMAN HOUSE



OLD CUSHMAN HOUSE, BERNARDSTON, MASS., BUILT IN 1785.  
 Destroyed by fire about 1899. Has been owned by Dr. Polycarpus, Hon. Polycarpus, J. Seorim, and P. J. Cushman, all  
 six generations of the family have lived in this house.

6. CUSHMAN SEORIM<sup>7</sup>, (Dr. Polycarpus<sup>6</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>6</sup>, Lieut. Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Rev. Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Elder Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Rev. Robert<sup>1</sup>.) b. May 30, 1785; m. Huldah<sup>2</sup>, dau. Elias<sup>1</sup> Parmenter, 1811. She was b. Feb. 15, 1787; d. Mch. 21, 1879. Mr. Cushman was a successful farmer, residing on the place now owned by heirs of his son, the late P. L. Cushman, 2nd. Like the others of his family, he was a true man, striving for the best interests of all. He died Feb. 17, 1875. Children:
8. i. ROBERT SEORIM<sup>8</sup>, b. May 27, 1812.
  - ii. EMERANCY JANE<sup>8</sup>, b. June 17, 1814; m. Nathaniel J. Bangs of Montague, Sept. 6, 1837; resided Brattleboro, Vt.
  - iii. HULDAH PARMENTER<sup>8</sup>, b. Aug. 20, 1816; m. Joseph Chauncey<sup>5</sup> Slate, Mch. 6, 1839; she d. Sept. 3, 1897, in Suffield, Ct.
  - iv. ISAAC ERASMUS<sup>8</sup>, b. July 11, 1818; d. Oct. 27, 1843; unm.
  - v. ROXANA HARRIET<sup>8</sup>, b. July 23, 1820; m. George Robbins, September 26, 1848; resided West Deerfield, where she d.
9. vi. POLYCARPUS LORING<sup>8</sup>, b. Nov. 8, 1822.
- vii. SOPHRONIA RACHAEL<sup>8</sup>, b. Jan. 3, 1825; m. Oct. 24, 1847, Major Houghton Tyler of Greenfield, where she resides.
10. viii. FIELD WELLS<sup>8</sup>, b. Feb. 14, 1827.
7. CUSHMAN, HENRY CLAY<sup>9</sup>), Ralph<sup>7</sup>, Dr. Polycarpus<sup>6</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>6</sup>, Lieut. Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Rev. Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Elder Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Rev. Robert<sup>1</sup>.) b. Aug. 20, 1836; m. Jan. 16, 1861, Laura Keep, dau. of Imla K. Brown. Mr. Cushman has always been a successful farmer, residing until within a few years upon his father's large farm at North Bern., of which he became possessed by inheritance and purchase. This he sold to his son Ralph, and is now a resident at the village on the old Col. Ferry place. Children:
- i. HOPE ELIZABETH<sup>9</sup>, b. Feb. 14, 1862; res. Bern.; unm.
  - ii. RALPH HENRY<sup>9</sup>, b. Sept. 30, 1864; m. May 5, 1891, Lizzie M., dau. of John Burrington of Shelburne, Mass. Mr. Cushman resides at North Bernardston, and is the owner of one of the best farms in town, being owned respectively by James Couch, Maj. Samuel Root, Ralph and Henry C. Cushman. He has devoted considerable time to the raising of fancy poultry, in which he has been most successful. He has been for several years trustee of the Franklin Co. Agricultural Society. Had: 1. Julien Henry<sup>10</sup>, b. Feb. 22, 1892.

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- iii. EMMA LAURA<sup>9</sup>, b. April 3, 1867; m. Sept. 16, 1890, Lewis R. Holden of Bondsville (Palmer), Mass., where they reside.
  - iv. ALFRED BROWN<sup>9</sup>, b. Aug. 28, 1869; m. Oct. 13, 1897, Elizabeth C.<sup>6</sup>, dau. of Edson Hale. Mr. Cushman was one of the young business men of the place, with the brightest of prospects. His death was peculiarly sad, occurring Nov. 18, 1897, five weeks after his marriage. He was proprietor of a meat market.
  - v. LUCY BARTON<sup>9</sup>, b. Dec. 13, 1871; m. Nov. 29, 1889, Charles M. Deming; res. Schnectady, N. Y.
  - vi. CHARLOTTE NELLIE<sup>9</sup>, b. June 30, 1879.
8. CUSHMAN, ROBERT SEORIM<sup>8</sup>, (Seorim<sup>7</sup>, Dr. Polycarpus<sup>6</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>5</sup>, Lieut. Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Rev. Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Elder Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Rev. Robert<sup>1</sup>.) b. May 27, 1812; m. Sophronia Brainard, dau. of Alvah Cushman of Montague, May 6, 1835. She was b. Mch. 7, 1815; d. Mch. 4, 1865. Mr. Cushman's farm was near the site of the old Lieut. Sheldon Fort, in the east part of the town, now owned by Gardner Oaks. He d. Jan. 7, 1894. Children:
- i. CHARLES PARMENTER<sup>9</sup>, b. Apr. 15, 1836; m. Nov. 27, 1866, Mary Jane<sup>3</sup>, dau. Levi<sup>2</sup> Park. He resided on his father's farm in the east part of the town, where he d. Feb. 11, 1887. Mrs. Cushman resides in Springfield. Had: 1. Theo Robbins<sup>10</sup>, b. 1870; d. Feb. 5, 1896.
  - ii. EMMA PHEDORA<sup>9</sup>, b. Nov. 23, 1839; m. Apr. 25, 1865, Levi P.<sup>4</sup> Burrows. They resided in Greenfield. She d. July 11, 1899.
9. CUSHMAN, POLYCARPUS LORING<sup>8</sup>, 2nd, (Seorim<sup>7</sup>, Dr. Polycarpus<sup>6</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>5</sup>, Lieut. Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Rev. Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Elder Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Rev. Robert<sup>1</sup>.) b. Nov. 8, 1822; m. Apr. 14, 1847, Rhoda<sup>8</sup>, dau. of Horace<sup>7</sup> Atherton. She was b. Nov. 9, 1822. In early life Mr. Cushman kept a hotel in Somers, Ct., and the present New England House in town. He later owned and carried on his father's large farm upon Fall River. He always took an active interest in the social, political and religious life of the place. From 1858 to 1864 he served as selectman, in fact held most of the important town offices, and was always officially connected with the Institute, Cushman Hall and

MR. F. T. CUSHMAN, JR.

NEW CUSHMAN HOUSE.

MRS. EDNA ALMON CUSHMAN











THOMAS E. CUSHMAN.



ARTHUR E. CUSHMAN.

Library. He and his wife have both been prominently identified with the Unitarian society for many years. He died suddenly Feb. 6, 1901. Children :

- i. THOMAS LORING<sup>9</sup>, b. in Somers, Ct., May 11, 1851; m. July 8, 1873, Mary Belle Tracy. She was b. Nov. 13, 1851. For many years Mr. Cushman was connected with the firm of Mackintosh & Co., shoe jobbers of Springfield, he spending the most of his time in traveling. In the meantime he devoted all spare time to the cultivation of his voice, always commanding a good position in the church choirs of that city. His love for and success in music finally induced him to relinquish his business, and for quite a time he gave himself up to study, spending some months abroad, thoroughly fitting himself for the adoption of music as a profession, and in which he has achieved good success, both as a solo singer of merit and a teacher. His residence is Melrose Highlands. Had: 1. Loring Tracy<sup>10</sup>, b. May 12, 1874. 2. Thomas Atherton<sup>10</sup>, b. May 26, 1884.
  - ii. ELLEN SOPHIA<sup>9</sup>, b. Apr. 8, 1848; m. Oct. 8, 1874, Laroy Zenas Cutler<sup>8</sup>. They reside in Springfield, Mass.
  - iii. ARTHUR ISAAC<sup>8</sup>, b. Jan. 22, 1854; m. Dec. 15, 1880, Alice Kate Sprague. She was b. Oct. 29, 1857. Like the other members of his family, Mr. Cushman has good musical talent, and has been connected with the choirs in Springfield. He is with the wholesale house of Cutler & Porter, shoe dealers, Springfield, where he resides. Had: 1. John Arthur<sup>10</sup>, b. Oct. 14, 1881; student at Institute of Technology at Terre Haute, Indiana. 2. Laroy Cutler<sup>10</sup>, b. Dec. 7, 1884. 3. Elliott Sprague<sup>10</sup>, b. Jan. 28, 1887; d. May 10, 1889. 4. Louise<sup>10</sup>, b. Dec. 31, 1891. 5. Burt Atherton<sup>10</sup>, b. Jan. 1, 1894.
10. CUSHMAN, FIELD WELLS<sup>8</sup>, (Seorim<sup>7</sup>, Dr. Polycarpus<sup>6</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>6</sup>, Lieut. Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Rev. Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Elder Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Rev. Robert<sup>1</sup>.) b. Feb. 14, 1827; m. Hester Maria<sup>6</sup>, dau. of Ruggles<sup>6</sup> Bagg, Feb. 1, 1853. Mr. Cushman d. Dec. 31, 1863. Mrs. Cushman m. (2) Frederick Chapin, Oct. 4, 1868. He died January 29, 1887. She resides with her dau. in Somerville, Mass. Children :
- i. RUGGLES ALLERTON<sup>9</sup>, b. Sept. 1, 1856; m. Etta M. Dexter, July 22,

1884. He graduated from the Bridgewater Normal School in 1880, from the Hanover Medical College, Dartmouth, 1882, standing second in a class of 21. He is now division surgeon for the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad. Is also a member of the pension board, chairman of the board of health in Sanborn, Iowa, where he resides. Had: 1. Dexter Allerton<sup>10</sup>, b. Jan. 20, 1888.
- ii. NETTIE MARIA<sup>9</sup>, b. June 15, 1858; m. Apr. 5, 1893, George W. Allen; res. Somerville. Mrs. Allen took the teacher's course at the Quincy Training School, and taught until her marriage.
  - iii. AGNES JEAN<sup>9</sup>, b. Nov. 16, 1861; m. John Edward Ross Pember, Dec. 25, 1894. He is one of the night editors of the Boston Journal; resides in Somerville, Mass. Mrs. Pember received a liberal education, graduating from the Bridgewater Normal School and successfully teaching until her marriage. She was for seven years principal of the Bates School, Boston.
  - iv. FIELD W.<sup>9</sup>, b. Sept. 19, 1864; (posthumous), d. Aug. 14, 1866.

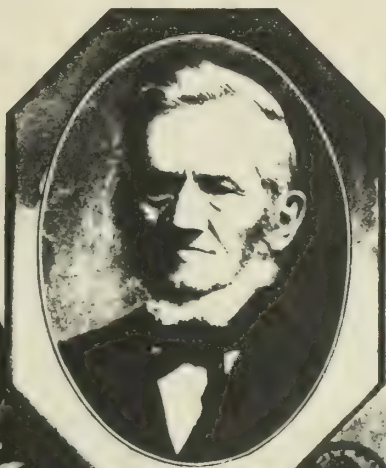
CUTLER, DEA. ZENAS<sup>7</sup>, (Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Abner<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>, who early settled in Watertown), b. Mch. 18, 1804, in Wilmington, Vt.; m. Dec. 5, 1826, Lucy, dau. of Thomas and Dorothy (Sawin) Wood. Mr. Cutler was a farmer, although before the days of the railroads he engaged in boating on the Connecticut river between Turners Falls and Brattleboro, Vt. In 1841 he removed from his farm in Vernon, Vt., to Bernardston, purchasing what was known as the Ezra Connable farm in North Bernardston. This he brought to a high state of cultivation. He served the town as selectman and assessor; was a member of the Unitarian church, and for thirty years one of its deacons. In 1870 he sold his farm to A. U. Chase, and ever after made it his home with his son, N. S. Cutler. He d. in Greenfield, Dec. 29, 1880. Mrs. Cutler d. in Springfield, Apr. 14, 1881. Children:

- i. LUCY JANE<sup>8</sup>, b. Oct. 14, 1828. Her life was an incentive to all for a holier walk with God. She d. Dec. 4, 1863; unm.
- ii. GEORGE THOMAS<sup>8</sup>, b. Oct. 9, 1830; d. Aug. 25, 1843.
- 2. iii. LAROE ZENAS<sup>8</sup>, b. Aug. 14, 1834, in Vernon, Vt.
- 3. iv. NAHUM SAWIN<sup>8</sup>, b. Apr. 7, 1837, in Vernon, Vt.





MRS. Z. CUTLER.



Z. CUTLER.



LAURA S. CUTLER.



LUCY J. CUTLER







- v. LAURA SUSANNA<sup>8</sup>, b. Dec. 16, 1840, in Vernon, Vt.; m. July 8, 1857, Dwight Charles<sup>4</sup> Warner; resides Springfield.
- vi. GEORGE THOMAS<sup>8</sup>, b. Aug. 18, 1844; m. Nancy Sophia Goodenough of West Brattleboro, Vt. Removed about 1878 from Bernardston to Greenwood, Neb., where he is engaged in milling and mechanical pursuits.
- vii. ELLA BRIGHAM<sup>8</sup>, b. Nov. 21, 1847; d. Oct. 28, 1851.
2. CUTLER, LAROE ZENAS<sup>a</sup>, (Zenas<sup>1</sup>, Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Abner<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>.) b. Aug. 14, 1834. When of age, he entered the shoe business in Springfield, which he has always followed either in retail or wholesale branches. During the Civil War he enlisted in the 46th Reg. Mass. Vol., and was made sergeant of Co. A. He has also served as a member of the city government. Mr. Cutler takes a high rank among the business men of Springfield where he resides. Is the senior member of the firm of Cutler & Porter, wholesale boot and shoe dealers. He m. (1) July 26, 1865, Harriet Lillian, dau. of Albert Bly of Whitinsville, Mass., who d. Mch. 2, 1873; m. (2) Oct. 8, 1874, Ellen Sophia<sup>9</sup>, dau. of P. L. Cushman<sup>8</sup>, 2nd., of Bern. Children:
- i. ALICE LILLIAN<sup>9</sup>, b. Nov. 16, 1869; m. Dec., 1892, Edwin B. Woodin. Mr. Woodin was teacher of chemistry in a military school in Chester, Pa., for several years; is now purchasing agent for Cutler & Porter, wholesale shoe merchants in Springfield, Mass. Res. Springfield; two daughters, Dorothy, b. Dec. 7, 1893, and Ruth, b. Nov. 8, 1897.
- ii. MABEL LAURA<sup>9</sup>, b. Dec. 21, 1872; d. Jan. 27, 1874.  
By second wife:
- iii. GRACE LUCY<sup>9</sup>, b. June 19, 1876.
- iv. Daughter<sup>9</sup>, b. and d. Nov. 1, 1881.
3. CUTLER, NAHUM SAWIN<sup>a</sup>, (Zenas<sup>1</sup>, Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Abner<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>.) b. Apr. 7, 1837, in Vernon, Vt. Upon attaining his majority he entered the boot and shoe business in Springfield, remaining there until 1872, the greater part of that time being associated with his brother. At the latter date he returned to Bernardston, engaging in the



manufacture of ladies', misses' and children's shoes, his home and factory being on the site of the Dr. John Brooks homestead. In 1880 he removed to Greenfield, his present home, where he is senior partner of the firm of Cutler, Lyons and Field, shoe manufacturers. During his residence in town he was actively interested in all that pertained to the interests of the Unitarian church, of which he is a member. In 1889 he served as representative to the Legislature, being returned the next year. He has also served six terms as selectman in Greenfield; is a director in the Franklin Co. National Bank, and Greenfield Electric Light Company; a trustee of the Masonic Hall Association. He has always taken a deep interest in local historical matters. Some years ago he, with the assistance of his wife and daughter, compiled and published the Cutler Memorial. He m. Nov. 24, 1864, Harriet Isabella<sup>9</sup>, dau. of Richard H.<sup>8</sup> Hoyt, a most efficient co-labourer and sympathizer with her family in their undertakings. Children:

- i. LUCY JANE<sup>9</sup>, b. Oct. 3, 1866, in Springfield; m. Nov. 24, 1885, Harry Whiting<sup>8</sup> Kellogg; res. Greenfield; was for some years organist at the Congregational and Unitarian churches, Greenfield; elected member of school committee in 1898, serving three years, declining a renomination; has been always much interested in historical work; is the author of this work. Has: 1. Henry Cutler<sup>9</sup> Kellogg, b. Oct. 4, 1886. 2. Earle Nahum Whiting<sup>9</sup> Kellogg, b. Oct. 21, 1888. 3. Evelyn Kellogg<sup>9</sup>, b. June 10, 1893.
- ii. HENRY HOYT<sup>9</sup>, b. Oct. 15, 1868; m. June 8, 1892, Lizzie May, dau. of Sumner Perkins. They reside in Greenfield; have one son, Nahum Sumner<sup>10</sup>, b. Apr. 30, 1893.

DAVENPORT, MARTIN VAN BUREN<sup>8</sup>, (Calvin N.<sup>5</sup>, Oliver<sup>4</sup>, Oliver<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>, who came from England about 1635, settling in Dorchester), b. Sept. 26, 1834; m. May 2, 1864, Maria A., dau. of Austin Miner. She d. Jan. 14 or 19, 1901. He resided for many years "around the Mountain," removing thence to the Alonzo Cushman place near the Hurlbert

factory, and not far from 1895, to his present home south of the Baptist parsonage. He has been a most successful farmer. No children.

DAVIDSON, BARNABAS, b. about 1739. He enlisted for the town of Bernardston in 1781 for the term of three years, but was later reported discharged for disability; received a bounty for his service.

DAVIDSON, EDWARD, b. about 1760; enlisted in 1781 to serve three years. The commands in which he served were in New York State.

DAVIS, DANIEL, b. about 1762; enlisted 1780 for the town of Bernardston, his birth place being given as Connecticut, and residence Guilford, Vt. He was reported as deserted in 1781.

DAVIS, JOHN, residence, Brimfield; enlisted for the town of Bernardston, Apr. 2, 1760, "for the total reduction of Canada." Service expired Nov. 30, 1760.

DAVIS, JOHN EDWARD<sup>3</sup>, (Jacob<sup>2</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>1</sup>.) born in Dorchester, June 14, 1853; m. July 8, 1875, Jane Tower of Florida. She was b. in Florida, Sept. 18, 1853. Mr. Davis came hither from Rowe, Oct. 1, 1889, purchasing the place owned by Rev. J. H. Parmalee, his present home. Children:

- i. ROY ALLISON<sup>4</sup>, b. Apr. 11, 1876.
- ii. NETTIE TOWER<sup>4</sup>, b. Mch. 10, 1878.
- iii. FLOYD EARLE<sup>4</sup>, b. Mch. 18, 1880.
- iv. WALTER EDWARD<sup>4</sup>, b. Apr. 30, 1886.

DAVIS, JONATHAN, date of enlistment not given; term, "during the war"; enlisted from Capt. Amasa Sheldon's Co., for the town of Bernardston, where he resided.

DAY, ROBERT<sup>6</sup>, (James<sup>5</sup>, Joel<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup> of Newtown, now Cambridge, 1634.) was b. in West Springfield, Aug. 18, 1800; m. Adaline, dau. Josiah Pomeroy of Gill, Nov. 13, 1823. She was b. in Warwick; d. in West Killingly, Ct., Feb. 11,

1877. Mr. Day came to Bernardston in 1850, living for a time in the old Zebina Newcomb house just across the iron bridge, now owned by Mrs. Harriet Hale, later in the first house south of R. R. Parks. He d. in town. Children:

- i. ELLEN CLAYTON<sup>7</sup>, b. July 1, 1829; m. Joseph Snow of Danielsonville, Ct., Dec. 29, 1852; is dead.
- ii. FRANCES POMEROY<sup>7</sup>, b. Nov. 1, 1832; d. unm., in Conn.
- iii. JOSEPHINE FIELD<sup>7</sup>, b. May 22, 1835; m. Frank Foster, and resided in Cleveland, O. She is dead.
- iv. JOSIAH POMEROY<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 4, 1837, in Perrysburgh, N. Y.; m. Lucy A. Haskell of Wendell, Jan. 2, 1867. When 11 years of age he came here, attending the district schools and Goodale Academy, later learning the blacksmith's trade. He saw much active service in the Civil War, enlisting Aug. 14, 1862, as a member of Co. H, 10th Reg., Mass. Vol.; was honorably discharged July 1, 1864. Mr. Day established himself in the blacksmith business in 1867, which he has followed until recently. His home is the place formerly owned by Richard F. Newcomb, east of the Unitarian church. Has: 1. Josephine Esther<sup>8</sup>, b. May 17, 1872; a graduate of Child's Business College, Springfield; m. Aug. 3, 1901, John E. Edgar; res. Springfield.
- v. SUSAN FERRY<sup>7</sup>, b. Oct. 16, 1843; m. Henry Andrus of Hartford, Ct., where she died.

DEAN, CHARLES, (Hiram,) resided for some time after his marriage on his father's farm, the present Clogston place, removing thence to his present home, the place he purchased of the Spragues in the south-east part of the town. He m. (1) Bercia Moore, the adopted dau. of Joel Cutler; (2) Miss Sprague. Several children.

DENIO JOSEPH<sup>3</sup>, (Aaron<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>,) b. 1734. James, the grandfather, was a Frenchman from Canada, who m. Abigail, dau. of John Stebbins of Deerfield. Joseph<sup>3</sup> settled in Bernardston; was out as a soldier in the French and Indian War from 1756-9, serving as corporal under Lord Loudon in 1757; m. Anna ———. He was surveyor of highways in 1777, 78, 86; d. Mch. 24, 1820. Children:

- i. JOSEPH<sup>d</sup>, b. Mch. 25, 1761; m. Charity Brown.
- ii. WILLIAM<sup>d</sup>, b. Aug. 14, 1762. His intention was published with "Anthy" Larkin of Greenfield, Apr. 27, 1788.
- iii. ANNA<sup>d</sup>, b. Feb. 23, 1764; m. June 9, 1785, John Sawtelle.
- iv. SARAH<sup>d</sup>, b. Aug. 24, 1765.
- v. DAVID<sup>d</sup>, b. Sept. 20, 1767; settled in Gill.

DENNISON, A. L., is a comparatively recent inhabitant of the town, having purchased the farm north of school house No. 4, formerly owned by Frank Green. Of his family two daughters are numbered as among the most successful teachers of the place.

DENNISON, JABEZ, b. about 1761; enlisted for the town of Bernardston for the term of six months, June, 1780, "to re-inforce the Continental Army."

DEWEY, JOEL N., b. May 19, 1815; m. Elizabeth Wardwell. He was a blacksmith, residing for many years in the first house east of Cushman Hall, his shop then being on the present library site. His later years were spent in the old Goodale Academy, now the Adams place. He died Nov. 18, 1892. Children:

- i. CHARLES S., m. Aug. 28, 1862, Henrietta L., dau. Charles Osgood of Northfield; one dau.
- ii. SARAH J., b. 1840; m. Gardner Greenleaf, Dec. 5, 1861; d. May 7, 1886.
- iii. MARY, m. Leslie Belding; res. Northampton.
- iv. MARGARET E., b. 1845; m. William E. Safford; d. Mch. 30, 1886.
- v. FREDERICK J., b. July 14, 1846; m. Anna, dau. Apollos Morgan of Northfield Farm; one dau. He d. Feb. 16, 1879.
- vi. HENRY L., b. 1848; d. Oct. 4, 1868; unm.
- vii. FRANK A., b. 1851; d. Dec. 22, 1885.

Died Feb. 13, 1804, Sarah, wife of David Dewey, ae. 61, "leaving a husband and numerous children."

DICKINSON, BETHAN HENMAN, (Ozias, who came to town for two or three years, then returned to his earlier home), b. 1782.

When some nine or ten years old he came here from Wethersfield, Ct., although his young manhood was spent in Waterbury, Vt., whence he enlisted for active service in 1814 against the British on Lake Champlain. He m. Tartia<sup>6</sup>, dau. of Dea. Jesse<sup>6</sup> Field, in 1804. He resided just east of the Unitarian church, where he d. Mch. 27, 1853. His early home in town was in the east part of Bernardston. Children:

- i. EMILY<sup>3</sup>, b. Dec. 15, 1804; m. Jabez Kenney; d. West.
- ii. JESSE FIELD<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 14, 1806; d. Dec. 28, 1807.
- iii. LYDIA BURK<sup>3</sup>, b. Nov. 10, 1808; m. May, 1825, Orin Park of Gill.
- iv. CHARLES<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 15, 1810; d. in Guilford, Vt., about 1890.
- v. OBADIAH<sup>3</sup>, b. May 1, 1814; m. Amoret H.<sup>7</sup>, dau. of Rufus<sup>6</sup> and Camilla (Church) Marsh, May 19, 1841. Mr. Dickinson was one of the oldest railroad men in the country, being agent for the Connecticut River road for 44 years, resigning his position when that road passed to the control of the Boston and Maine. For a greater part of his service, he acted as telegraph operator, express agent, freight and baggage clerk. He d. Oct. 13, 1897. Mrs. Dickinson still resides in Bernardston. Had: 1. Laura<sup>4</sup>, b. June 4, 1842; d. Aug. 9, 1891; unm. 2. Everett Newell<sup>4</sup>, an adopted son; res. Bern.; is a clerk for O. W. Gray.
- vi. FIDELIA<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 22, 1816; m. Joseph Wright, Jr., of Weathersfield, Ct., 1845; resides Hartford, Ct.
- vii. ALBERT<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 18, 1818; d. Nov. 23, 1822.
- viii. MARY<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept. 25, 1822; m. Sept. 20, 1864, Chandler H. Stebbins of Vernon, Vt., where they reside.
- ix. LOUISA<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 14, 1831; d. Apr. 19, 1852.

DOOLITTLE, EDWARD, came to town about 1880, settling on the Simon Edwards place on Huckle Hill. He was preceded here by his brother George, the families being descended from the Vernon Doolittles. He is married and has children.

DORRELL, WILLIAM, was a soldier in the army of Burgoyne; son of an English farmer; b. in Yorkshire, England, Mch. 15, 1752. For a time he was a resident of Petersham, where he m. Mary Chase. Thence he went to Warwick and from there,



about 1794, removed to Leyden; has descendants living in adjacent towns. For further account of him see the account of the Dorrellites, pages 184-189.

**DOTY**, originally Dotey, Dote or Doten. Edward was a London youth in the service of Stephen Hopkins; came thither in the Mayflower, landing at Plymouth, Dec. 22, 1620, when 17 years of age. He is said to have outwitted the captain of the Mayflower in his design of making a formal landing, by jumping from the boat and wading or swimming ashore, thus reaching land first, for which offense he was flogged. He was also put in the stocks for fighting the first duel in New England. (See Early History of New England.) He was one of the soldiers of the Pilgrim Guard under command of Miles Standish. John<sup>2</sup> resided Plymouth, John<sup>3</sup> John<sup>4</sup> both resided Plympton, Edward<sup>5</sup> at Plympton, James<sup>6</sup> at Leverett, was a Revolutionary pensioner. James<sup>6</sup> d. in Bernardston, May 3, 1826, æ. 74. His sons, James<sup>7</sup>, and Joel<sup>7</sup>, settled in town. Children:

- i. **JOEL<sup>7</sup>**, m. Oct. 29, 1822, Celestia Broderick of Conway. He had a blacksmith's shop near where Miss Maria Sanderson's ice-house now stands.
- ii. **JAMES<sup>7</sup>**, b. Nov. 3, 1795, in Leverett. When at the age of 14, he came to town to learn the carpenter's and joiner's trade of Major Orra Sheldon; served his seven years of apprenticeship, and at the age of 21, received a full set of joiner's tools and his "freedom suit of clothes." He was a remarkably well informed man for his time and circumstances, for as to the latter—owing to an accident which happened in his youth making him lame for life, he never had, as he used to say, but six weeks of common schooling. From his mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Gilbert, he received those strong intellectual traits which all his family traditions agree were hers to an unusual degree. He was a great reader and a deep and liberal thinker. Though hard working and industrious, he yet found time to gratify his inherent love for reading, in the pursuit of the best information on all practical subjects, and but few, if any, could equal him in town in his knowledge of history, geography and mathematics,

and the general sciences of the times. At one time he was said to have the largest and most valuable library in town relating to his favorite studies. Liberal in his religious views, he became one of the founders and the first clerk of the Universalist society of Bernardston. He m. Oct. 10, 1818, Sophronia Cushman King of Hartland, Vt. She was b. July 1, 1800; d. Apr. 18, 1836. Mr. Doty d. Jan. 9, 1857, at Shelburne Falls. Had: 1. Louisa Maria<sup>s</sup>, b. May 11, 1819; m. Dan P. Foster, May 10, 1837; resides Waltham. 2. James Edward<sup>s</sup>, b. May 5, 1821; d. Shelburne Falls, 1855. 3. Adelia Sophronia<sup>s</sup>, b. Oct. 10, 1823; m. (1) Frederick Townsley; (2) Benjamin F. Goodwin. She d. July 1, 1846, at Shelburne Falls. 4. Thomas Franklin<sup>s</sup>, b. Jan. 5, 1826; d. Oct. 27, 1827. 5. Mary Elizabeth<sup>s</sup>, b. May 2, 1828; m. Robert Fellows of Shelburne, where she d. 6. Harriet Elvira<sup>s</sup>, b. Sept. 1, 1830; m. Harvey Edwards; d. in Guilford, Vt., June 18, 1862. 7. Thomas King<sup>s</sup>, b. June 6, 1833; was adopted by his uncle Joel. Entered the ministry in the M. E. denomination; resided in Cleveland, Ohio.

DWIGHT, DR. WILLIAM MONK, the eighth physician here, was a native of Windsor, Berkshire County, Mass., where he was b. in 1822. His father was one of the old tavern keepers on the direct stage line between Pittsfield and Albany. He early chose the study of medicine, and by his own exertions won his way through a course at the Pittsfield Medical School, from which he graduated in 1841 with high honors. While here he met Helen M., dau. of Rev. Eber L. Clark. She was then engaged in teaching at the Maplewood school. This acquaintance resulted in marriage in August, 1846.

After brief settlements in different localities in Berkshire, Dr. Dwight located in So. Deerfield, remaining there eight years. He then removed to Bernardston, which place he made his residence for 18 years. In 1873 he removed to East Douglass, going thence in 1875 to North Amherst, where his death occurred Nov. 13, 1892, his remains being taken to Bernardston for interment.

Dr. Dwight was a most successful physician, being thoroughly posted in all professional matters, and taking a great

pride in keeping pace with the new methods and ideas as advanced in medical literature. For a number of years he was president of the Franklin Medical Society, and upon taking up his residence within the limits of Hampden Co., he was called upon to fill a like position in the Hampden County Medical Society. For forty years he had been a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society. Although in no way connected with Amherst College, he nevertheless received from that institution the degree of A. M. in 1866.

While in Bernardston he found time to devote himself to outside duties, being for 12 years postmaster of the place, also one of the trustees of Cushman Library, and one of the earnest workers for the founding of Powers Institute. He was always well read upon the general literature of the day, and took pride in so keeping himself. Possessed of retentive mind he profited by what he read. Mrs. Dwight resides in North Amherst. Children :

- i. MARY<sup>2</sup>, m. Edward H. Perkins. He is dead; she resides Hartford, Ct.
- ii. NELLIE<sup>2</sup>, d. young.
- iii. WILLIAM G.<sup>2</sup>, m. Miss Ryan, Nov., 1896, of Holyoke. They reside in Holyoke, where he is the editor and publisher of the Holyoke Transcript.

EDWARDS, THOMAS, b. about 1748; is presumably descended from Alexander Edwards, who in 1640 came from Wales and settled in Springfield. He m. Ruth ———. She d. Mch. 5, 1832, æ. 84 years. He held several minor town offices. His home was on Huckle Hill, on the place now owned by John B. Field. He d. Aug. 7, 1808.

- i. LUTHER<sup>2</sup>, b. Apr. 30, 1775; d. Oct. 3, 1792.
- ii. OLIVE<sup>2</sup>, b. July 14, 1777; m. Dec. 6, 1821, Jesse Billings of South Deerfield. (3rd wife) She d. Sept. 20, 1848.
2. iii. THOMAS LYMAN<sup>2</sup>, b. Apr. 22, 1779.
- iv. ELIZABETH<sup>2</sup>, b. Jan. 23, 1782; d. Oct. 21, 1843.
- v. SIMON<sup>2</sup>, b. Sept. 3, 1786; m. Tryphena H. Nash of Greenfield. Intention recorded Sept. 5, 1812. She d. Dec. 29, 1814; m. (2)

Mary ——— of New York State. She d. May 24, 1865. He resided on the Doolittle place on Huckle Hill. Selling this he bought and removed to the Col. Ferry place now owned by Henry C. Cushman. He d. Mch. 11, 1871. Had: 1. Jonas N., or Jonathan N.<sup>3</sup>, b. 1814; d. Oct. 10, 1819.

- vi. LATHROP<sup>2</sup>, b. July 20, 1790; m. Lendy M. Melendy of Guilford, Vt.; resided on the farm now owned by Lorenzo Hales, removing thence in the autumn 1856 to Sullivan, Jefferson Co., Wis., where he d. Oct. 7, 1873. Had: 1. George<sup>3</sup>, b. July 30, 1815; m. Nov. 21, 1850, Mrs. Ruth C. Melendy of Eagle, Wis.; resided Sullivan, Wis. 2. Henry L.<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 12, 1818; m. Jan. 8, 1852, Eliza A. Gilbert of Wis. 3. Jonathan L.<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 24, 1820; d. Oct. 2, 1823. 4. Harriet Elvira, b. 1822; d. Feb. 28, 1823. 5. Mary Gale<sup>3</sup>, b. 1824; m. Nov. 28, 1850, Monroe A. Webster of Montague, where she d. Oct. 13, 1851. 6. William Simon. 7. Elizabeth Helen<sup>3</sup>. 8. Sarah Jane<sup>3</sup>. 9. Charles L.<sup>3</sup>, b. 1836; d. Mch. 2, 1841. 10. John Melendy<sup>3</sup>, res. Sullivan, Wis.

The order of birth is uncertain in the above family.

2. EDWARDS, THOMAS LYMAN<sup>2</sup>, (Thomas<sup>1</sup>), b. Apr. 22, 1779; m. Thankful Alexander. Their intention was published June 2, 1804. She d. May 16, 1842. He d. Jan. 6, 1819. Children:
- i. RUTH<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 23, 1805; d. Sept. 6, 1805.
  - ii. RUTH F.<sup>3</sup>, b. July 19, 1806; m. Alvah<sup>6</sup> Hastings of Gill; d. July 11, 1888.
  - iii. THOMAS L.<sup>3</sup>, b. Nov. 1, 1808; d. June 28, 1817.
  - iv. DWIGHT A.<sup>3</sup>, b. May 7, 1810; m. Mary W. Prouty of Halifax, Vt., Sept. 14, 1831. Had: 1. Lyman Dwight<sup>4</sup>, b. May 1, 1832. 2. Martha Dickinson<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 12, 1833. 3. Austin Lorenzo<sup>4</sup>, b. Feb. 25, 1835.
  - v. THANKFUL M.<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 11, 1812; d. in Gill, Dec. 15, 1865.
  - vi. TRYPHENA<sup>3</sup>, b. Jan. 29, 1815; m. Mch. 27, 1832, George A.<sup>7</sup> Alexander; d. Sept. 9, 1836.
  - vii. LUTHER L.<sup>3</sup>, b. Nov. 28, 1817; d. Sept. 26, 1823.

The records of the Edwards families are not very complete.

ENDA, JOHN, by birth a Hessian, was a member of Burgoyne's

army, and upon its disbanding, settled in town on the place now owned by H. Weimers, formerly by Dea. Arthur Wells. He has descendants living in this vicinity.

EVENS, JOHN. The Evens farm lay on the top of West Mountain, west of Lewis Slate's, one part of whose land is to-day known as the "Evens Orchard." John and John Evens, Jr., were warned from town Feb. 9, 1790, at which time they were recorded as being "Transient Persons." They had then been in town at least 12 years. It is supposed that he m. a sister of Israel Slate's wife, ——— Hurlbert of Chatham, Ct.; held some minor town offices; was out for eight months in Capt. Alvord's Co., Col. Brewers' Reg. Had: John; perhaps others.

FERRY, ARETAS<sup>4</sup>, (Noah Jr.<sup>3</sup>, Noah<sup>2</sup>, Charles<sup>1</sup>, who came to this country from Holland about 1660, settling finally at Springfield,) b. in Granby, Mass., June 19, 1800. In June, 1825, he began trade in his native place, four years later engaging in a like business in Montague, remaining there until his removal to Bernardston in the fall of 1837. Here he continued business for 16 years. For about 15 years he also manufactured scythe snaths, as noticed in another portion of this volume. In 1867 he retired from business, and purchased the P. L. Cushman farm, nearly opposite the hotel. He held various town offices both in Montague and Bernardston. Was appointed justice of the peace Mch., 1834; chosen to represent Montague in the Legislature in 1836, and in 1868 represented his district a second time. He was a member of the State militia, and there obtained his title, declining a proffered promotion to the office of brigadier-general.

He donated the ground upon which stands Powers Institute, and was for many years a trustee of both that institution and Cushman Library. He m. in 1821, Mary J., dau. of William Ward of Shutesbury. She d. Dec. 18, 1884; was b. Mch. 30, 1797. He d. Oct. 7, 1879. A man of strong and natural intellect, he was an ardent advocate of good education, and by his gifts served to render aid in the cause that others might glean those things, the need of which he personally experienced. Children:



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- i. SUSAN SANDERSON<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 13, 1822; m. (1) June 12, 1844, Judge Henry Perkins of Hartford, Ct. He d. Feb. 7, 1862; m. (2) Rev. Dr. George H. Clark of Hartford; she d. Dec., 1897. A noble woman who did much for the Institute here, and to make smooth the rough places in the lives of others. At the settlement of the Ferry estate she donated the sum received from the sale of her father's farm to the Institute.
  - ii. WARD ARETAS<sup>5</sup>, b. Aug. 21, 1829; resided on the homestead until his death, Mch. 8, 1891; unm.
1. FIELD, AARON<sup>4</sup>, (Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Zachariah<sup>1</sup>, the English progenitor of the American Fields.) Samuel<sup>2</sup> lived at Hatfield, was sergeant in the Falls Fight; Samuel<sup>3</sup> inherited his father's right in the Falls Fight Township; Aaron, born Mch. 17, 1721, settled in town on Huckle Hill, about 1753, just north of the present John B. Field place. The house has been burned; m. Eunice, dau. of Nathaniel Frary of Deerfield, May 26, 1743. She was b. Nov. 30, 1721; d. Oct. 28, 1813. He was a soldier in the French and Indian War, his name appearing on John Burk's roll ending Nov. 30, 1758. During the Revolution he served as Committee of Correspondence in 1775, to which office in 1776, was added that of Inspection and Safety. He began his career as town officer in 1762, and in 1774 was selectman, and treasurer 1776 to 81. He d. Mch. 17, 1800. Children:
- i. CHLOE<sup>5</sup>, b. Dec. 29, 1743; m. 1764, Samuel Shattuck of Greenfield.
  - ii. EUNICE<sup>5</sup>, b. also Dec. 29, 1743; m. about 1761, Joseph Wells of Greenfield.
  - iii. IRENE<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 11, 1745; m. in 1769, Lieut. Daniel Newcomb of Leyden.
  - iv. JOANNA or ANNA<sup>5</sup>, b. 1747; m. (1) Seba<sup>5</sup> Allen, Aug., 1786. He d. July 10, 1798; m. (2) Salmon Clapp of Montague.
  - v. MEHITABLE<sup>5</sup>, b. 1748; m. Dea. Jonathan<sup>6</sup> Sheldon. She d. Jan. 16, 1787.
  - 2. vi. JESSE<sup>5</sup>, b. Mch. 15, 1749.
  - vii. RACHAEL<sup>5</sup>, b. 1751; m. 1774, Dr. Polycarpus<sup>6</sup> Cushman; died Sept. 1, 1812.
  - viii. AZUBA<sup>5</sup>, b. 1762; d. Jan. 6, 1831; unm.

- ix. OLIVE<sup>5</sup>, m. Reuben Sheldon of Leyden.  
 x. MARIA<sup>5</sup>, d. in infancy.  
 xi. DECIME<sup>5</sup>, m. Shubal Fuller of Windhall, N. Y., Aug. 1, 1790, (T. R.); rem. to Ohio.
2. FIELD, Dea. JESSE<sup>5</sup>, (Aaron<sup>4</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Zachariah<sup>1</sup>,) b. Mch. 15, 1749; m. Lydia<sup>4</sup>, dau. Major John<sup>3</sup> Burk. She was b. Apr. 4, 1755; died May 26, 1808. Dea. Field served as tithingman in 1779, and warden 1786. He d. Jan. 15, 1823. Children:
- i. LETITIA<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 16, 1779; d. May 20, 1864; unm.
  - ii. AARON<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 3, 1780; m. Lovina<sup>5</sup>, dau. Moses<sup>4</sup> Scott, Jr., 1804. He d. Feb. 14, 1807; she m. (2) Timothy<sup>2</sup> Hale, Nov. 26, 1812. She d. Sept. 12, 1863, in Wales. Had: 1. Augustus Rodney<sup>7</sup>, b. Feb. 22, 1805; m. Theola, dau. of Isaac Plummer of Brattleboro, Vt.; deceased. Had three children. 2. Aaron Wesson<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan. 13, 1807; m. Harriet, dau. John Hamilton, and had four children. He d. in East Hartford, Ct., Dec. 26, 1872.
  - iii. EUNICE<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 25, 1782; m. John Reuben<sup>5</sup> Slate, 1805. She d. Nov. 18, 1864.
  - iv. TARTIA<sup>6</sup>, b. Apr. 19, 1785; m. Bethan H.<sup>2</sup> Dickinson, 1804.
  - v. LUCINDA<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan. 11, 1787; m. Josephus<sup>5</sup> Slate, 1805; d. Mch. 13, 1883.
  - vi. LYDIA<sup>6</sup>, b. Apr. 20, 1788; d. Aug. 7, 1855; unm.
3. vii. JESSE<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 25, 1792.  
 viii. SARAH<sup>6</sup>, b. Apr. 11, 1795; d. Aug. 11, 1871; unm.  
 ix. LOVINA<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 1, 1798; m. Nov. 22, 1821, Thaddeus<sup>4</sup> Parmenter; d. Dec. 8, 1871.
3. FIELD, JESSE<sup>6</sup>, (Dea. Jesse<sup>5</sup>, Aaron<sup>4</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Zachariah<sup>1</sup>,) b. Aug. 25, 1792; m. Lurancy<sup>4</sup>, dau. of Elias<sup>3</sup> Parmenter, Dec. 31, 1818. She was b. Jan. 30, 1798; d. Oct. 13, 1876. He d. May 6, 1883. His home was on Huckle Hill, just north of the Seorim Slate place. Children:
- i. MARY HOYT<sup>7</sup>, b. Mch. 30, 1820; m. Mch. 6, 1851, Richard Bagg of Montague, (second wife); d. May 30, 1888. He d. June, 1893.
  - ii. AARON WESLEY<sup>7</sup>, b. Apr. 5, 1822; d. Aug. 16, 1825.
  - iii. JOHN BURK<sup>7</sup>, b. June 27, 1824.
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- iv. HARRIET LOVINA<sup>7</sup>, b. Oct. 1, 1826; m. Oct. 9, 1866, Otis Chittenden, her deceased Aunt Sybil Parmenter's husband; res. North Leverett.
  - v. SOPHRONIA LURANCY<sup>7</sup>, b. Dec. 26, 1829; m. Mch. 4, 1855, Alonzo Graves; resides Pine Grove Farm, Greenfield.
  - vi. AARON WESLEY<sup>7</sup>, b. Oct. 31, 1837. Began studying for college 1859 under Prof. Ward; entered Williams 1861, but left to serve in the Civil War. Returning, he graduated from that Institution in 1865, and from the Theological School in 1870; m. (1) June 12, 1867, Jennie S., dau. of Jonas Raymond; m. (2) November 19, 1884, Alice Breman. She d. Aug. 14, 1891. He resides New Marlboro, Berkshire Co.; three children;
4. FIELD, JOHN BURK<sup>7</sup>, (Jesse<sup>6</sup>, Dea. Jesse<sup>5</sup>, Aaron<sup>4</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Zachariah<sup>1</sup>,) b. June 27, 1824; m. Sarah Huey, dau. of Obee and Hanah (Littlefield) Hubbs of Brooks, Me., June 10, 1857; resides on Huckle Hill, just north of the original "Meeting house site," and opposite the site of the Dea. Sheldon Fort. He was selectman in 1884-5 and 6. Children:
- i. JOHN ERIE BURK<sup>8</sup>, b. Oct. 7, 1858; m. Apr. 29, 1885, Sarah, dau. of William Bain of Northfield. He resides on his farther's farm upon Huckle Hill. Had: 1. William<sup>9</sup>, b. Apr. 24, 1887. 2. Edith<sup>9</sup>, b. Aug. 23, 1890. 3. Harriet Eveline<sup>9</sup>, b. Jan. 19, 1895.
  - ii. HARRIET LURANCY<sup>8</sup>, b. Jan. 30, 1862; m. Marcus L. Southworth, May 1, 1884; resides Brockton, Mass.; one son.
- FIELD, EDMUND LONGLEY<sup>7</sup>, (Theodore<sup>6</sup>, Elijah<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Zachariah<sup>1</sup>,) b. in Hawley, July 27, 1831; m. June 5, 1872, Harriet W. Griswold of Greenfield; resides East Bern., on the place formerly owned by B. S. Burrows: no children.
- FIELD, MORRIS EDWIN<sup>8</sup>, (Elijah<sup>7</sup>, Theodore<sup>6</sup>, Elijah<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Zachariah<sup>1</sup>,) b. Sept. 30, 1857; removed from Charlemont to town 1899, residing on the old Dr. Wheeler place north of the Institute, now owned by George R. Paige; m. Mary, dau. of Dea. Jason Rice of Greenfield. Children:
- i. EVELYN L.<sup>2</sup>
  - ii. GENEVIEVE R.<sup>2</sup>

FLAGG, DR. SAMUEL Jr., the fourth physician in town, was b. in East Hartford, Ct., Apr. 2, 1766, and was the son of Samuel Flagg of that place. He m. Mary, dau. of Jonah or David Wyles of Bolton, Ct., Nov. 23, 1790. He resided a few years in East Hartford, removing thence to Greenfield, and about the year 1798 to Bernardston, settling in the north part of the town, and practising as a physician until his death, July 30, 1804. In 1801 it was noted that he kept a hotel. He was buried with Masonic ceremonies, and judging from the published obituaries, must have been a man much respected. His widow m. (2) Simeon<sup>e</sup> Allen in 1806. She was b. in Colchester, Ct., Mch. 25, 1767, and d. Aug. 11, 1845. Children:

- i. CHARLES<sup>2</sup>, b. Nov. 8, 1791, in East Hartford, Ct.; d. at Dedham, Mass., Jan. 3, 1847.
- ii. MARY SOPHIA<sup>3</sup>, b. in Greenfield, May 1, 1797; m. Dec. 10, 1820, Capt. Samuel<sup>8</sup> Root of Bern.; d. Aug. 16, 1827.
- iii. PATTY ELIZA<sup>3</sup>, b. in Bern. May 8, 1800; m. J. B. Prentice of New York State; d. in Bern., Oct. 7, 1829.
- iv. SAMUEL GRISWOLD<sup>3</sup>, b. Mch. 8, 1802; m. Harriet Maxwell of Guilford.

FLINT, ANSON, m. ——— Phila. She was b. 1803; d. June 7, 1859, ae. 56. He was a harness maker by trade, coming here from Townshend, Vt., or vicinity, his home and place of business being on South street, the place belonging to the Hare estate. Children:

- i. LUCY MARIA<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 24, 1826; d. Jan. 15, 1844.
- ii. LOUISA CORNELIA<sup>2</sup>, b. Oct. 4, 1828; d. June 15, 1857.
- iii. BENJAMIN O.<sup>2</sup>, b. June 6, 1830; d. July 25, 1860.
- iv. JOHN HAYDEN<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 21, 1832; d. June 30, 1854.

FOSTER, JACOB, b. 1731; d. June 30, 1813, ae. 82 years. He is recorded as being the first "grave digger" employed by the town.

FOSTER, JOHN<sup>4</sup> Sergeant, (Jacob<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Reginald<sup>1</sup>, of Ipswich, Mass.,) b. Ipswich, in 1702. His name appears on John

Burk's enlistment roll ending Nov. 30, 1758. He was in Capt. Williams' Co., stationed at Colrain, Oct. 19, 1756, to Jan. 23, 1757. In 1760 he resided on Gamaliel Kingsley's place, east of the present iron bridge at the village. Sept. 21, 1764, he had laid out to him the draft No. 26, 3rd division, with two acres added for roads. The house which he owned at one time is still standing upon the Newcomb road, North Bernardston. He was of Deerfield, 1741. He m. in Lebanon, Ct., 1724, Hannah Thorp; resided successively at Lebanon, Ct., Deerfield and Bernardston. Children:

- i. ISAAC<sup>5</sup>, b. 1725; m. (1) July 11, 1754, Jane Allen; she d. Dec. 13, 1762; (2) 1794, Editha Miller. Finally settled in Greenfield, where he became a prominent citizen; d. Mch. 13, 1796.
  2. ii. EZEKIEL<sup>5</sup>, b. 1727, in Lebanon, Ct.
  - iii. JOHN<sup>5</sup>, b. in Deerfield; m. Mindwell Atherton of Greenfield, Apr. 24, 1781. He was a soldier in the French and Indian Wars of 1746-57. He rem. from Bern. to Hancock, N. H., where his wife d., and he m. (2) Lydia Foster of Temple, N. H. He d. in Hancock in 1810. Had: 1. John<sup>6</sup>. 2. Sarah<sup>6</sup>. 3. Mercy<sup>6</sup>. 4. Josiah<sup>6</sup>. 5. Joshua<sup>6</sup>. 6. Rebecca<sup>6</sup>. 7. Silas<sup>6</sup>. 8. Betsey<sup>6</sup>.
- There were probably other children, names not known.

2. FOSTER, Lieut. EZEKIEL<sup>5</sup>, (Sgt. John<sup>4</sup>, Jacob<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Reginald<sup>1</sup>.) b. in Lebanon, Ct., 1727; m. May, 1751, Margaret Henry, at which date he was a resident of Deerfield. He served in the French and Indian Wars. Ezekiel Foster was out on the western frontier for 20 days in 1756, had the title of corporal. He was in Capt. Israel Williams' Co., stationed at Colrain, Oct. 19, 1756, to Jan. 23, 1757, for which service he received £4, 12s., 5d. He d. Apr. 17, 1805. Children:

- i. EPHRAIM<sup>6</sup>.
3. ii. CAPT. EZEKIEL, JR.<sup>6</sup>, b. 1752.

3. FOSTER, Capt. EZEKIEL, JR.<sup>6</sup>, (Ezekiel<sup>5</sup>, Sgt. John<sup>4</sup>, Jacob<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Reginald<sup>1</sup>.) b. in 1752; m. Chloe<sup>5</sup>, dau. of Capt. William<sup>4</sup> Burnham, and sister of Capt. Elisha<sup>4</sup> Burnham. She was b. in Connecticut in 1757; d. in Leyden, July 9, 1849. He



served in military affairs, going out May 1, 1775, as second lieutenant in Capt. A. Wells' Co., traveled 112 miles, being discharged Sept. 23, 1775; served again in 1778. He was engaged in the Shays Rebellion, and he it was who took an active part in the breaking up of the Dorrellite sect. He d. June 17, 1824, in Leyden. Children :

4. i. EZRA<sup>r</sup>, b. Sept. 21, 1779.
  - ii. ELIAKIM<sup>r</sup>, b. 1786; m. Wealthy A. D. Phelps; d. in Ohio.
  - iii. HORACE<sup>r</sup>, went to Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.
5. iv. JOSIAH<sup>r</sup>, b. 1784.
  - v. RUFUS<sup>r</sup>, went to Hamilton, Ontario.
  - vi. EZEKIEL, JR.<sup>r</sup>, went to Hamilton, Ontario; served with his father in the Revolution. He d. s. p., and his property was divided between the Canadian Government and his heirs in Leyden.
  - vii. ELECTA<sup>r</sup>, b. June 12, 1796; m. Major Samuel Eason of Leyden.
  - viii. LURANCY<sup>r</sup>, m. ——— Babcock; resided Caledonia, N. Y.
  - ix. CHLOE<sup>r</sup>, m. ——— Cately; res. New York State.

4. FOSTER, EZRA<sup>s</sup>, (Capt. Ezekiel, Jr.<sup>s</sup>, Ezekiel<sup>s</sup>, Sgt. John<sup>s</sup>, Jacob<sup>s</sup>, Isaac<sup>s</sup>, Reginald<sup>s</sup>.) b. Sept. 21, 1779. He was captain in the State militia, selectman and overseer of the poor; m. Nancy, dau. of Joseph Smith, 1807. She was b. Oct. 25, 1781; died Feb. 21, 1875. He d. Mch. 1, 1864. Children :

- i. NANCY<sup>s</sup>, b. May 6, 1808; m. Charles Hebard; res. Mich.; died July 14, 1849.
- ii. POLLY<sup>s</sup>, b. Oct. 30, 1809; d. Nov. 12, 1809.
- iii. SYLVIA<sup>s</sup>, b. Feb. 12, 1811; d. Feb. 25, 1857.
- iv. MARY<sup>s</sup>, b. Mch. 2, 1813; d. July 8, 1852.
- v. EZRA<sup>s</sup>, b. Feb. 2, 1815; m. (1) May 6, 1846, Sarah A. Wilbur, who was b. 1818; d. June 4, 1862; (2) May 17, 1863, Susan A., dau. Manly Mowry. She was b. Sept. 15, 1840. Mr. Foster was for many years a teacher; resided the latter part of his life on a farm in Leyden. He d. Sept. 8, 1897. Had: 1. Frank W.<sup>s</sup>, m. Martha Pond, 1873; was for many years in the clothing business; res. Greenfield; s. p. 2. Edgar S.<sup>s</sup>; d. 3. Charles<sup>s</sup>; d.
- vi. JOSEPH S.<sup>s</sup>, b. Dec. 18, 1816; m. ——— Newton. They resided on Frizzle Hill, Leyden. Both are dead. Had: 1. Leroy<sup>s</sup>, resides Vermont. 2. Newton<sup>s</sup>, res. just above "Keet's Mills," Beaver Meadow, Leyden.

- vii. SALLY MARIA<sup>8</sup>, b. Apr. 2, 1819; m. Nelson J. Warner.
- viii. LOUISA SOPHIA<sup>8</sup>, b. May 4, 1824; d. Feb. 5, 1848.
- ix. RANSOM<sup>8</sup>, b. Feb. 9, 1826; m. Feb. 18, 1852, Climena, dau. Rufus and Sabra (Wells) Frizzell. She was b. Apr. 19, 1828; d. June 16, 1897. He res. Beaver Meadow, Leyden; a farmer; d. Sept. 10, 1899. Had: 1. Mary C.<sup>9</sup>, m. Henry Potter of Brattleboro, Vt.; d. ae. 27 years. 2. Sara S.<sup>9</sup>, d. ae. 21 years. 3. Lottie L.<sup>9</sup>, b. Sept. 24, 1854; m. Frank J. Allen of Greenfield, May 1, 1878. 4. Nora H.<sup>9</sup>, m. F. A. Cowan; res. Natural Bridge, N. Y. 5. Nancy S.<sup>9</sup>, m. Dr. Daniel Griffin; res. Lynn. 6. Frank R.<sup>9</sup>, resides at home. 7. Lila E.<sup>9</sup>, is a teacher.
5. FOSTER, JOSIAH<sup>7</sup>, (Capt. Ezekiel<sup>6</sup>, Ezekiel<sup>6</sup>, Sgt. John<sup>4</sup>, Jacob<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Reginald<sup>1</sup>.) b. 1784; m. Anna Eustis. She d. Aug. 26, 1846; he d. Oct. 20, 1826. Children:
- i. WASHINGTON B.<sup>8</sup>, b. 1812; m. Theoma G.———. He d. in New Haven, Ct., Aug. 24, 1836. Had: 1. Washington Wells<sup>10</sup>, b. Feb. 8, 1833; brought up by his uncle in Bernardston.
- ii. JOSIAH<sup>8</sup>, b. 1816; m. Mary M.,——— who d. in Albany, N. Y., Apr. 22, 1851, ae. 42; he d. Mch. 31, 1853.
- iii. Daughter<sup>8</sup>, who m. —— Gilbert; res. Hartford, Ct.
- iv. GEORGE<sup>8</sup>.
- v. WILLIAM WINCHESTER<sup>8</sup>, b. Aug. 23, 1820; m. Apr. 6, 1842, Susan, dau. Nathan Robbins of Deerfield. He d. May 22, 1855. She m. (2) Thomas Jefferson<sup>8</sup> Foster. He and his brother resided on the north side of the Newcomb road. Had: 1. Frederick W.<sup>9</sup>, b. July 22, 1843; d. July 9, 1846. 2. Luette Louise<sup>9</sup>, d. Aug. 21, 1850. 3. Nathan W.<sup>9</sup>, d. Sept. 15, 1850.
- vi. THOMAS JEFFERSON<sup>8</sup>, b. Dec. 6, 1822; m. (1) —— Potter of Frizzell Hill; m. (2) Susan, dau. Nathan Robbins, and widow of his brother, William W. Foster. After her death, he m. a woman from Ohio. He d. in Bern., on the Israel P. Hale place. Had: 1. Daughter, m. Jenner Jones of West Deerfield.
- FOX, NOAH, came hither with his brother William from Glastonbury, Ct., about the time of the breaking out of the Revolution. He m. Content ———. He was one of the persons warned from town Feb. 9, 1780, at which time he had probably lived here at least 15 years. Children:

- i. WEALTHY<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 13, 1780; m. Oct. 14, 1800, Joseph Wise, Jr., of Deerfield.
  - ii. DELIGHT<sup>2</sup>, b. Sept. 12, 1781.
  - iii. NOAH<sup>2</sup>, b. Aug. 12, 1783.
  - iv. LEONARD<sup>2</sup>, b. May 31, 1785.
  - v. TENTY<sup>2</sup>, b. Oct. 25, 1786.
  - vi. SALLY<sup>2</sup>, b. Nov. 21, 1788.
  - vii. IRA<sup>2</sup>, b. May 24, 1791.
  - viii. CHESTER<sup>2</sup>, b. May 19, 1793; drowned Aug. 10, 1803.
  - ix. ANNA<sup>2</sup>, b. July 13, 1795.
1. FOX, WILLIAM, b. about 1750; came hither in company with his brother Noah from Glastonbury, Ct.; m. (1) Sarah, sister of Elder Levi Hodges. She d. Apr. 2, 1783, ae. 32 years; m. (2) Elizabeth<sup>2</sup>, dau. of Benjamin<sup>1</sup> Green; she d. Mch. 20, 1839, ae. 82 years. In 1778 he served on the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety. That year his name appears on the town records with the title corporal, prefixed. His home was on the Fox Brook road, north-west from the hotel. He d. July 12, 1823, ae. 73. Children:
- i. SARAH<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 25, 1771; d. May, 1797. Perhaps that Sarah Fox who m. Nov. 20, 1793, Ruggles Green.
  - ii. PATIENCE<sup>2</sup>, b. Sept. 2, 1773; (twin) m. Jonathan<sup>2</sup> Park, in 1792-3.
  - iii. WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, b. Sept. 2, 1773; (twin).
  - iv. ROGER<sup>2</sup>, b. June 2, 1775; d. Apr. 15, 1795.
  - v. FILETA<sup>2</sup>, b. Apr. 16, 1777; m. Woodbridge<sup>2</sup> Green, 1799.
  - vi. GAD<sup>2</sup>, b. Nov. 28, 1778.
  - vii. LYDIA<sup>2</sup>, b. Aug. 22, 1780; m. Thomas Allis, 1804.
  - viii. AARON<sup>2</sup>, b. June 18, 1782; (twin) m. Chloe<sup>5</sup>, dau. Israel<sup>4</sup> Baggs; Intention rec. Feb. 28, 1807.
  - ix. MIRIAM<sup>2</sup>, b. June 18, 1782; (twin) m. Daniel Sanderson of Sunderland, Nov. 2, 1805. She d. Dec. 7, 1854.  
By second wife, Elizabeth.
  - x. RUEL<sup>2</sup>, b. Mch. 12, 1784; d. Sept. 19, 1784.
  - xi. ELI<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 9, 1785; m. Harriet Briggs, Sept. 5, 1810.
2. xii. JARED<sup>2</sup>, b. July 11, 1786.
- xiii. EUNICE<sup>2</sup>, b. June 10, 1788; d. Aug. 25, 1803.
  - xiv. CHLOE<sup>2</sup>, b. Mch. 1, 1790; m. Sept. 18, 1811, John<sup>3</sup> Hale, 2nd. She d. Dec. 23, 1840.

- xv. SENA<sup>2</sup>, b. June 3, 1792.
- xvi. SYLVIA<sup>2</sup>, b. Dec. 2, 1793; m. May 6, 1814, Darius Nichols.
- xvii. TERAH<sup>2</sup>, b. June 22, 1795; m. Nov. 2, 1823, Sophronia<sup>4</sup>, dau. of Elias<sup>3</sup> Parmenter. She was b. Nov. 3, 1802. He d. Oct. 26, 1837, ae. 42. She m. (2) Moses Wait, Jr., of Hubbardston, 1838; d. Oct. 21, 1891. Had: 1. Sheldon Snow<sup>3</sup>, d. Sept. 8, 1825. 2. Terah<sup>3</sup>, d. young. 3. Sophronia<sup>3</sup>, d. young.
- xviii. SILAS GREEN<sup>2</sup>, b. Nov. 12, 1796; m. (1) Oct. 10, 1824, Phinanda, dau. Zebediah<sup>2</sup> Slate; d. Apr. 29, 1825, ae. 21 years; m. (2) Eunice F.<sup>7</sup>, dau. Israel<sup>6</sup> Chapin. She d. Dec. 1, 1888, ae. 83. He d. Mch. 23, 1883. Had: 1. Frederick P.<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 12, 1825; d. May 10, 1831. 2. Amerus Goodsil<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 24, 1827; d. May 9, 1831. 3. Julia Ann<sup>3</sup>, b. Nov. 26, 1829; d. June 21, 1845. 4. Solomon Chapin<sup>3</sup>, b. July 4, 1836; res. Montague, where he m. and d. 5. Celestia Ophelia<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 17, 1839; m. ——— Mack; res. Brattleboro. 6. Edmund Burk<sup>3</sup>, b. Mch. 2, 1842; resides Nantucket, where he has been for a long time principal of the Coffin Academy. He is prominent in both social and civil affairs of the place, and has taken an active interest in advancing the welfare of all who have been his pupils; unm. 7. Luke Gilmore<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 4, 1845; d. Mch. 29, 1868.
- xix. ELIZABETH<sup>2</sup>, b. May 16, 1798; m. Apr. 1, 1819, Seorim<sup>3</sup> Hale; d. May 18, 1843.

There are one or two others, names not known.

2. FOX, JARED<sup>2</sup>, (William,) b. July 11, 1786; m. (1) Oct. 24, 1810, Lucinda, dau. of Carmi Wright of Adams. She d. May 8, 1840, ae. 54 years; m. (2) Jan. 12, 1842, Lucinda A. Mitchell of Charlemont. He d. Apr. 9, 1844, and she m. (2) May 17, 1845, Reuben<sup>2</sup> Park. She was b. Sept. 27, 1798, and d. Oct. 10, 1875. Children:
- i. SELAH WRIGHT<sup>3</sup>, b. June 13, 1812; was twice m.; a blacksmith and mechanic; resided Whately, where he d. Nov. 3, 1881.
  - ii. HORACE B.<sup>3</sup>, b. May 1, 1813; was a blacksmith, removing in 1834 to Whately; m. and d. Apr. 12, 1881.
  - iii. SILAS G.<sup>3</sup>, b. July 14, 1815; resided New York State.
  - iv. ELI C.<sup>3</sup>, b. Mch. 8, 1817; m. Mrs. Margaret F. Newell Strickland of Greenfield, sister of the late Barnard Newell, and widow of

- Russell F. Strickland. She d. in Burlington, Ia., Mch. 22, 1895, ae. 86 years. For a number of years Mr. Fox kept the New England House. About 1865, he went West, where a few years later he died. Had: 1. Herbert Duane<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 6, 1842; resided in the West. 2. Everett C.<sup>4</sup>, is ticket agent of the Burlington railroad at Kansas City.
- v. EDWARD W.<sup>3</sup>, b. Mch. 12, 1819; m. Betsey W. Thayer of Montague, Apr. 13, 1841; resides Brattleboro, Vt. Had: 1. Havilah R.<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 16, 1843.
- vi. SALMON H.<sup>3</sup>, b. Nov. 25, 1822; m. twice; resided in West Swanzy, N. H., where he had been a successful merchant; d. Apr. 27, 1891.
- vii. LUCINDA S.<sup>3</sup>, b. Nov. 12, 1824; m. July 4, 1845, Benjamin A. Edwards of Chesterfield. She d. Sept. 6, 1847. He was a member of Co. H, 67th Reg., Ohio Vol.; d. May 14, 1888, ae. 65, and was buried in Bern.
- viii. MARY JANE<sup>2</sup>, b. Apr. 6, 1826; d. Sept. 17, 1826.
- ix. GEORGE F.<sup>3</sup>, b. June 10, 1829.

FRANKLIN, Mrs. E. M., came to town recently from Guilford, Vt., residing on South st. Has children.

1. FRIZZEL, SAMUEL<sup>3</sup>, (Samuel<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>, who was b. in 1626, came to this country about 1652, settling in Roxbury, and died Feb. 6, 1716, ae. 90 years. The family is supposed to have been of Scotch origin,) b. 1700; m. Prudence Flagg of Watertown, Feb. 1, 1727. Six of their children were b. in Shrewsbury. Children:

- i. SAMUEL<sup>4</sup>, b. Apr. 5, 1729, in Framingham, said to have gone to Salem and joined the Shakers or Quakers.
- ii. JOHN<sup>4</sup>, b. Sept. 20, 1730, in Framingham; d. in Northfield, 1815.
- iii. PRUDENCE<sup>4</sup>, b. 1732; m. Moses Dickinson, 1756; d. May 15, 1790.
- iv. ABIGAIL<sup>4</sup>, b. 1734; m. Jason Parmenter.
- v. MARY<sup>4</sup>, b. 1736.
- vi. LUCY<sup>4</sup>, perhaps, m. Nathaniel Brooks; resided Vernon, Vt.
- vii. SUSANNA<sup>4</sup>, b. 1739.
- viii. MICHAEL<sup>4</sup>, b. 1740, in Leicester. He became a resident of Bernardston in or before 1746, so presumably Michael Frizzel was one of the 17 families settling in town. He m. Hannah<sup>3</sup>, dau.



of Samuel<sup>2</sup> Connabel, and widow of James Maxwell. They settled on "Frizzel Hill." She was said to be a great story teller. Mr. Frizzel was constable 1778. He was a soldier against the Indians in 1757, and his tombstone has the title captain upon it. He had no children, but adopted his nephew, Elijah, son of his brother Benjamin, to whom he bequeathed a part of his property. He d. 1815.

2. ix. REUBEN<sup>4</sup>, b. 1742.

x. BENJAMIN<sup>4</sup>, b. 1758; rem. from Vernon to Canaan, Vt., ab. 1793.

2. FRIZZEL, REUBEN<sup>4</sup>, (Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>.) b. 1742; with his brother Michael was a pioneer in town; m. (1) Rachael Orvis; (2) Widow Lydia Stebbins of Deerfield; (3) Oct. 11, 1786, Esther, dau. of Joshua Lyman of Northfield. She was born June 12, 1752; d. Mch. 18, 1826. He was constable and collector 1779. He served in both the French and Indian War and the Revolution. He built one of the first frame houses in that part of the town afterwards Leyden, in which he d. Oct. 31, 1822. Children:

i. MICHAEL<sup>5</sup>, b. 1770; m. 1792, Sally, dau. David Page; removed to New York State and took the name of Frazier, which he believed to be the original spelling of the name.

3. ii. REUBEN, JR.<sup>5</sup>, b. 1771.

iii. LEVI; left no descendants.

iv. ZENAS, changed his name to that of Frazier; res. Luzerne, N. Y.

v. SUSANNA<sup>5</sup>, m. Mch. 3, 1785, Samuel Connabel of Leyden; res. New York State.

vi. RACHAEL<sup>5</sup>.

3. FRIZZEL, REUBEN, JR.<sup>6</sup>, (Reuben<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>.) b. 1771; m. Anna ———; d. June 20, 1818. Children:

RUFUS<sup>6</sup>, m. Almeda<sup>3</sup>, dau. John<sup>2</sup> Nelson; she d. Feb. 5, 1901. Res. on south end of Frizzell Hill.

CALVIN<sup>6</sup>, rem. to Jefferson, N. Y., where he d.

AMELIA D.<sup>6</sup>, b. 1790; m. Jan. 15, 1822, Abel Shattuck. She d. Mch. 14, 1838.

RACHAEL<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug., 1796; m. James<sup>7</sup> Shattuck, Aug., 1818. She d. May 6, 1829.

BENCY<sup>6</sup>, b. June 19, 1801; m. James<sup>7</sup> Shattuck, 1832; d. Oct. 27, 1853.

MARCUS<sup>6</sup>, b. July 27, 1805; m. Mch. 22, 1832, Cynthia Potter. She was b. Jan. 13, 1810; d. Sept. 29, 1898. He d. July 24, 1877. He resided on Frizzel Hill until about 1870, then rem. to Bernardston, settling on the place now owned by his son on Burk Flat. Had: 1. Elizabeth A.<sup>7</sup>, b. Jan. 19, 1833; m. Nov. 9, 1856, George R. Williams of Chicopee. 2. Lucia A.<sup>7</sup>, born Nov. 13, 1834; m. May 31, 1858, Robert Williams of West Springfield. He d. Feb. 19, 1898. She resides in Easthampton. 3. Joseph S.<sup>7</sup>, b. Mch. 2, 1836; res. California. 4. Henry C.<sup>7</sup>, b. Mch. 19, 1838; m. Mch. 6, 1860, Angelia C.<sup>4</sup>, dau. Charles<sup>3</sup> S. Park. He d. Aug. 7, 1867. She m. (2) Oct. 19, 1873, Arthur C. Brooks; res. Greenfield. 5. Emma V.<sup>7</sup>, b. Sept. 2, 1841; d. Oct. 15, 1841. 6. Frederic M.<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 24, 1841; resides on place formerly owned by Willis Gray, and later by O. W. Gray, Burk Flat. 7. Rufus A.<sup>7</sup>, b. Feb. 14, 1846; m. Jan. 1, 1877, Anna M. Strangford. She d. Feb. 2, 1887. He d. Oct. 17, 1887. 8. Edwin C.<sup>7</sup>, b. Feb. 14, 1848; resides Northampton. 9. George W.<sup>7</sup>, b. Nov. 1, 1850; d. Aug. 18, 1870. 10. Hattie A.<sup>7</sup>, b. June 1, 1853; resides Bern. with her brother Frederick. 11. Emma C.<sup>7</sup>, b. Sept. 10, 1855; m. Apr. 26, 1882, Richard E. Spencer of Rocky Hill, Ct. She d. July 8, 1890.

CLIMENA<sup>6</sup>, m. (1) ——— Newton; (2) James<sup>7</sup> Shattuck, Dec. 18, 1853.

ANN<sup>6</sup>, m. Jabez Weaver.

MIRANDA<sup>6</sup>, m. Justin Salisbury.

ELIZABETH<sup>7</sup>, m. Allen Eason; res. Leyden, 1886.

GILBERT, JOSHUA, b. 1758; m. Elizabeth ———; resided on Huckle Hill. She was b. 1769; d. Feb. 1, 1814. He died Mch. 17, 1825. Children:

- i. ABIGAIL, b. 1799; d. Mch. 4, 1857.
- ii. LUCY, b. 1803; d. Mch. 12, 1813.
- iii. HENRY, b. 1805; d. Mch. 9, 1813.

GOODALE, Hon. JOB<sup>4</sup>, (Nathan<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Zachariah<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), b. in Marlboro, Mass., or Plymouth, Ct. He m. Apr., 1794, Lydia, dau. of Obed and Mary (Todd) Foote of Waterbury, Ct.,

where she was b. May 15, 1774; d. Mch. 30, 1863. Mr. Goodale settled in Bernardston in 1814, residing in the house now owned by Willis Stratton. His principal business was that of a drover. He also owned the grist and saw-mill formerly located near the iron bridge, which later passed into possession of his son-in-law, the late Z. C. Newcomb.

During the winter and spring months it was here the custom to grind wheat and rye into flour, also plaster brought from Maine or Nova Scotia for fertilizer. Summers the pond was drawn off, the land fertilized and grown into grass. It is related of Judge Goodale that upon one occasion he instructed his hired man to sow plaster upon this land; the latter went to work; only too late was the discovery made that a hogshhead of rye flour had been sown instead of the intended plaster. This incident was the cause of considerable good natured railery at the expense of the Judge. He was judge of the old Court of Sessions and was a prominent man in his day. Was the founder of Goodale Academy. He made various bequests to religious societies, noticeably to the Congregational societies in Marlboro, and in town. To the Congregational society here he gave the land and meeting house so long as they should be used for no purpose except religious worship or occasional public meetings of a social and moral nature. The income of \$1,000 was given for the purpose of procuring an able orthodox divine to annually preach a sermon in that church upon the importance of early piety and early Christian education for the benefit of the young people of the place, also the parsonage. He gave to the town \$200 to be loaned at six per cent, or the legal interest paid annually, both principal and interest to be an accumulating fund until the whole amounts to \$20,000, after which time the annual interest shall be appropriated to the support of the poor of the town so far as the same may be necessary, and the residue for the support of the common schools, and a public library if that should be then thought expedient. Dr. William Goodale in the "Old and the New" says of him: "I have attended prayer meetings

with him in Marlboro, where he exhorted like a judge, and prayed like the Publican." He served the town as select-man in 1815-16-18. He d. Oct. 25, 1833. Children:

- i. FERONIA<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 9, 1795; d. Apr. 4, 1798, at Gill.
- ii. LYDIA MARIA<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 22, 1796; m. Feb. 27, 1817, Zebina Curtis<sup>7</sup> Newcomb. She d. Sept. 28, 1853.

GORE, Dea. EZEKIEL, b. 1771; m. Marian ———. He came here from Vermont, settling on the place now owned by Meric Slate on Burk Flat; d. May 14, 1847, ae. 76 years. She d. Jan. 12, 1852, ae. 81. Children: order of birth uncertain.

- i. MARIAN<sup>2</sup>, b. in Halifax, Vt., Feb. 9, 1796; m. Feb. 15, 1815, Rufus Chase; d. Aug. 12, 1840.
- ii. JOHN<sup>2</sup>, resided Brattleboro, Vt.
- iii. STEPHEN<sup>2</sup>, b. 1809; m. (1) Ann Whitcomb of Winchendon, Mass. She d. Feb. 27, 1847, ae. 37; m. (2) Nancy<sup>3</sup>, dau. Dr. John Brooks, Apr., 1847. She d. in Shelburne Falls, 189—. He d. in Mitchell, Ia., Jan. 21, 1861. Had: 1. Frances<sup>3</sup>, m. Dr. Hazlett of Nevada. He is dead. 2. Charles<sup>3</sup>, resides California. 3. Emma<sup>3</sup>, m. Jasper A. Gale of Warwick; resides Winchester, N. H. By second wife: 4. Mary R.<sup>3</sup>, d. Jan. 1, 1853, ae. 4. 5. John, who d. young.
- iv. MILA<sup>2</sup>, m. Jan. 19, 1834, Luke Gore (a cousin) of Black River, N. Y., "after a long and tedious courtship of three days."
- v. LUCINDA<sup>2</sup>, d. Nov. 11, 1834, ae. 34.
- vi. SARAH<sup>2</sup>, m. in 1827, Col. Arnold J. Hines of Guilford, Vt. She d. March 14, 1835.

GOULD, GIDEON, d. Mch. 12, 1840, ae. 79; perhaps the father of Gardner.

GOULD, ELIJAH A., m. 1816, Sophia Earl of Phillipston. She died Jan. 29, 1818.

GOULD, GARDNER, b. 1790; m. Mary Hills, Nov. 4, 1810. She died July 24, 1851, ae. 66. He resided on the original Beaver Meadow road the first house north of the old carding machine. The home site was afterward owned by D. W. Temple, J. Smith and J. O. Bliss; suicide by hanging, Apr. 10, 1859, ae. 69. Children:

GEORGE W., b. Feb. 28, 1813; m. Charlotte Burnett of Guilford, Vt.; had two children, Susan A., b. Oct. 6, 1837; m. (1) ——— Follett of Readsboro, Vt.; (2) Rufus Amidon of Readsboro. 2. Chandler, m. and resides Springfield.  
 WILLIAM, d. Sept. 11, 1868.  
 LEWIS F., (twin to George) b. Feb. 28, 1813; d. in Vernon, Vt.  
 HANNAH M., b. June 25, 1816.

GOULD, SALLY, sister of Gardner of Bernardston, m. Silas Hills of Guilford, Sept. 1, 1810.

GOULD, JAMES, m. Eunice Wright, Sept. 30, 1811.

GOULD, LOVINA, of Bern., m. July 9, 1835, Capt. Aaron Streeter in Guilford.

GOULD, MARY, d. Nov. 15, 1864, ae. 68.

1. GRAY, AMOS<sup>3</sup>, (Jonas<sup>1</sup>), b. in Pelham, Mass., 1761; m. Betsey Reed Tyler, who was b. Sept. 5, 1766, and d. in Bern., June 25, 1843. He joined the Revolutionary Army when 16 years old, and served some time in the vicinity of West Point and White Plains. He lived in town for a number of years between the years of 1840 and 1850, and is believed to have been the last, and for some time the only Revolutionary pensioner in the place. Betsey Reed Tyler was the daughter of Hon. Joseph Tyler, who also served in the army, being in the battle of Bennington, where he was severely wounded. Later he commanded the local artillery company, and was for many years prominent in town and county affairs. Amos Gray d. in Townshend, Vt., Mch. 3, 1850. Children:

2. WYLLIS<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 29, 1789, in Townshend, Vt.  
 BETSEY<sup>3</sup>, m. Samuel Fessenden; res. Townshend, Vt.  
 LYDIA<sup>3</sup>, b. Nov. 27, 1795; m. Abijah Pierce of Jamaica, Vt.  
 MEHITABLE<sup>3</sup>, m. ——— Bellamy; d. in Ohio.  
 Tyler<sup>3</sup>, Sophia<sup>3</sup>, Ruth<sup>3</sup>, Polly<sup>3</sup>; all d. unm. in Townshend, Vt.

2. GRAY, WILLIS<sup>3</sup>, (Amos<sup>2</sup>, Jonas<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 29, 1789, in Townshend, Vt.; m. Mch. 23, 1819, Emily Newell of Newfane, Vt., who







*Yours very truly*  
*O. W. Gray*

was b. Feb. 7, 1796; d. in Bern., Feb. 26, 1872. Mr. Gray moved to Bernardston in Mch., 1835, residing there until his death, Oct. 16, 1857. He was a farmer by occupation, an upright and useful citizen, and a life long and consistent member of the Orthodox Congregational church. His home was upon Burk Flat, the present Frizzell place. Children:

- i. MARCIA MARIA<sup>4</sup>, b. in Townshend, Vt., Apr. 11, 1823; m. Reuben<sup>3</sup> Park, Apr. 16, 1846; res. East Bern.
  2. ii. ORMANDO WYLLIS<sup>4</sup>, b. in Townshend, Vt., Mch. 3, 1829.
2. GRAY, ORMANDO WYLLIS<sup>4</sup>, (Wyllis<sup>3</sup>, Amos<sup>2</sup>, Jonas<sup>1</sup>), b. in Townshend, Vt., Mch. 3, 1829; moved with his parents to Bern. in 1835; was educated at Goodale Academy and Norwich, Vt., Military Academy, graduating in the scientific and engineering department of the latter in 1849. Mr. Gray m. Sept. 5, 1851, Roxcena L., dau. of Capt. Gideon Arnold of Dexter, Mich. She was b. in Brooklyn, Ct., Nov. 10, 1829, and died June 13, 1901. Mr. Gray is by profession a surveyor and civil engineer; has been engaged mainly in the construction and publication of maps and atlases. From 1857 to about 1870, in an association with the late Prof. H. F. Walling, with offices in New York and Boston, was extensively engaged in making county maps from special surveys throughout New England, the Middle States and Canada, and during this time a number of State and general maps were issued, including an edition of the Massachusetts State maps in atlas form, the plates of which are now owned by the Commonwealth. In 1870 he moved to Philadelphia, where, in partnership with his son, the late Frank A. Gray, a general surveying and geographical publishing business was maintained for some years, operations extending over nearly the entire country. Returning to Bern. from Philadelphia, he bought the Dr. Carpenter place, and later, of Lorenzo Park, the Zebina Newcomb place, opposite. Upon this he made extensive repairs and alterations, fitting it into a model residence, which, for some years, he made a summer home. Retiring generally from business in 1890, he took up his permanent

residence in Bernardston, where he has served the town as one of the selectmen, president of the trustees of Cushman Library, president of the cemetery corporation, and in various other positions of trust and responsibility. He has always taken an interest in matters historical, and acknowledgment is made to him for the use of historical papers consulted in the preparation of this work, and for his contribution of the valuable maps of the town. In 1881 the University conferred upon him the degrees of B. S. and C. E. He is the present owner of the brick store. Children:

- i. FRANK ARNOLD<sup>5</sup>, b. in Bern., Sept. 4, 1852; d. in Camden, N. J., Sept. 17, 1886; (buried in Bernardston). Was educated at Powers Institute and Wilbraham Academy; traveled extensively in Europe and elsewhere; was in business with his father for the latter years of his life, having special charge of the drawing and engraving departments of the business; m. Sallie J. Paulson of Camden, N. J., Sept. 1, 1885, who d. July 1, 1888; had one child, Ella Paulson<sup>6</sup> Gray, b. in Camden, Nov. 15, 1886; died Feb. 3, 1889.
- ii. MARY SWIFT<sup>5</sup>, b. Aug. 26, 1857; m. Dec. 12, 1877, Irvine Chittick Beatty, a manufacturer of Camden, N. J. Had: 1. Infant<sup>6</sup>, b. Mch. 7; d. Mch. 10, 1879. 2. William<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan. 15, 1883.
- iii. NELLIE MAY<sup>5</sup>, b. in Brooklyn, Ct., Dec. 7, 1866; m. Sept. 5, 1888, Dr. Willard Henry<sup>10</sup> Pierce; resides Greenfield, Mass.
- iv. ANNIE NEWELL<sup>5</sup>, b. in Camden, N. J., March 3, 1873; res at home; unm.

GREEN, BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup>, came to Bernardston in June, 1760 or 1761, settling on the Woodbridge Green place, or where Galusha Newton now lives. He was a native of Salem, Mass, or of Rhode Island. En route from the latter place, the hostility of the Indians became so pronounced that he stopped at West Springfield, where for a few years he made it his home. He m. (1) Elizabeth Coats, who d. at the age of 38 years; m. (2) Hannah Robinson, widow of ——— Ruggles. Mr. Green d. Dec. 28, 1806. There were probably sisters, surely, who came to town with him. Children, order of birth uncertain:



With regards, I remain  
Very Respectfully Yours  
Frank A. Gray





- i. EUNICE<sup>2</sup>, b. 1747; m. Moses Smith.
- ii. BENJAMIN<sup>2</sup>, m. Martha Wells. He was in town as late as 1780, up to which date he held town offices. He must have gone soon after to Gill or the south-east part of Bern. He d. Dec. 27, 1796. His death is here recorded, but his body is buried in the cemetery near the brick school house on the Gill road, as is also that of his brother Jephthah. Had: 1. Aaron<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 11, 1775. 2. Clarinda<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 28, 1777; m. Noah Allen of Gill. 3. Clara<sup>3</sup>, b. Nov. 23, 1779. 4. Martha<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 13, 1782. 5. Thomas<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 11, 1784. 6. Wells<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept. 10, 1785. 7. Frederic<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 30, 1788. 8. Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, b. Jan. 2, 1791.
- iii. ANNA<sup>2</sup>, m. Jona. Hurlbert.
- iv. ESTHER<sup>2</sup>, m. ——— Simons.
  - v. THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, d. young in Springfield, from the effects of a snake bite.
- vi. SARAH<sup>2</sup>, b. 1754; m. Israel<sup>4</sup> Bagg, Jan. 11, 1776; d. Jan. 13, 1832.
- vii. JEPHTHAH<sup>2</sup>, m. Margaret, dau. of Thomas, and sister of Israel Bagg of West Springfield. She was b. 1758. Jephthah Green was warned from town, Feb. 9, 1790, at which time he was recorded as belonging in Springfield. He moved to Gill, residing with his son, Elijah. Is the ancestor of most of the Gill Greens. Had: 1. Lucy<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 24, 1777. 2. Barthasheba<sup>3</sup>, b. September 29, 1779. 3. Polly<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 17, 1782. 4. Elijah<sup>3</sup>. 5. Horatio<sup>3</sup>.
- viii. BETSEY<sup>2</sup>, b. 1757; m. William Fox (second wife); d. Mch. 20, 1839, ae. 82.
  - ix. PATTY<sup>2</sup>, m. Ebenezer<sup>2</sup> Slate; res. Gill, Mass.
2. x. SAMUEL<sup>2</sup>, b. Mch. 21, 1760.
 

By second wife:

  - xi. WOODBRIDGE<sup>2</sup>, b. 1773; m. 1799, Fileta, dau. William and Sarah Fox. He had the title of captain; d. July 2, 1848, ae. 75. (G. S.) no children.
3. xii. RUGGLES<sup>2</sup>, b. 1794.

There were probably also by this marriage children born between Woodbridge and Ruggles, some of whom were Silas, who m. Jan. 22, 1795, Polly Severance, Sarah, who m. 1797, Eleazer Risley of Gill, and d. May 1797, ae. 26 years. Silas Green was in Capt. McClellan's Co. to march to Horse

Neck under Col. John Mosely. An Ira Green died in town August, 1816, ae. 65 years. He may have been an older child by the first marriage.

2. GREEN, SAMUEL<sup>2</sup>, (Benjamin<sup>1</sup>.) b. in West Springfield, Mch. 21, 1760; m. Abigail<sup>2</sup>, dau. Daniel<sup>1</sup> Slate. She was b. 1766; d. Aug. 21, 1845. With others from this town, Samuel Green went to the battle of Lexington. When 17 years of age he went as a soldier to Ticonderoga, thence over the mountain and organized a company at Bennington, marched to Whitehall, and down the lake. He was gone two months, receiving for his services 40s. a month. He was out in four campaigns; the second was in 1778, in Vermont, the third in 1779, for a month to New London at the rate of 40s. per month, and the fourth to West Point. He was hired by the town for three months at the rate of 10 pounds specie and forty shillings continental currency. He d. Aug. 18, 1841, ae. 81. Children:
  - i. ABIGAIL<sup>3</sup>, b. Dec. 5, 1785; m. Dec. 19, 1810, Eli Wright of Adams, N. Y.
  - ii. ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup>, b. May 29, 1787; m. Apr. 3, 1810, Hatsel<sup>5</sup> Purple; d. Nov. 25, 1857.
  - iii. ANNA<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept. 14, 1788; m. Nov. 27, 1807, George<sup>3</sup> Parmenter; d. Sept. 20, 1863.
  - iv. RODOLPHUS<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 1, 1790; m. Nellie, dau. of "Si" Parmenter of Northfield. He d. suddenly Dec. 4, 1842. She d. Dec. 10, 1841. Had: 1. Siba A.<sup>4</sup>, m. Martha S.<sup>8</sup>, dau. Samuel<sup>7</sup> Wright, May 23, 1849. He d. Jan. 20, 1888. She d. Dec. 11, 1897, s. p.
  2. Philander S.<sup>4</sup>, m. and resided in Ct.; d. 3. Anna A.<sup>4</sup>, b. 1825; m. Samuel M. Caldwell of West Northfield, Mch. 16, 1848; d. May 23, 1878.
  4. Elon R.<sup>4</sup>, m. Augusta J., dau. of Asa Barber of Guilford. He d. July 12, 1888. She d. Feb. 6, 1893.
  5. Samuel G.<sup>4</sup>, b. 1833; d. unm., Nov. 27, 1868.
4. v. BENJAMIN<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 27, 1791.
  - vi. SEBA ALLEN<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept. 6, 1793; d. Apr. 14, 1807.
  - vii. SALLY<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 4, 1795; d. unm.
  - viii. AMANDA<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 3, 1797; m. Feb. 25, 1818, Ruggles<sup>2</sup> Green; d. Nov. 9, 1885.

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- ix. PATTY<sup>3</sup>, b. May 4, 1799; m. Daniel Brooks.
  - x. SAMUEL JEFFERSON<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 21, 1800; m. Patty Williams, September 11, 1823. He d. Mch. 15, 1865, and she m. (2) Emory Miller. He d. July 25, 1888. Mr. Green resided on the south side of the Northfield road, on the place now owned by George H. Bixby. Had: 1. George P.<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 14, 1827; d. aged 14 months. 2. George P.<sup>4</sup>, b. 1828; m. (1) May 19, 1853, Martha, dau. Otis Root. She d. June 3, 1864; m. (2) Amanda Coolidge. He d. July 18, 1891. He was a wheelwright, and resided on the place formerly owned by Field Cushman, south of the railroad bridge. 3. Sarah A.<sup>4</sup>, b. Sept. 19, 1830; m. Rev. George E. Fuller, Aug. 3, 1852; d. in Ware, Mass., Mch. 11, 1855.
  - xi. EUNICE L.<sup>3</sup>, b. June 28, 1804; m. Xenophon Williams; resided in Gill; both are dead.
3. GREEN, RUGGLES<sup>2</sup>, (Benjamin<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 29, 1794; m. Amanda<sup>3</sup>, dau. Samuel<sup>2</sup> Green, Feb. 25, 1818. She was b. Apr. 3, 1797; d. Nov. 9, 1885. He d. Oct. 18, 1849; resided first house north of Bald Mountain school house. Children:
- i. SAMUEL JEFFERSON<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 7, 1819; m. Sarah K. Merrifield of Brookline, Vt. Mr. Green during his residence in town occupied positions of honor and trust. He was for six years selectman, and for a long time served as a member of the school board. While here, his home was for many years on the Bald Mountain road, later on the old Snow place now owned by Frederick Chase. He now resides in Grafton, Vt. One son, William, resides in Amboy, Ill.
  - ii. FRANCIS BLAKE<sup>3</sup>, b. June 29, 1821; m. Elizabeth J. Hartsough of Gorham, N. Y. He d. Mch. 11, 1887; she m. (2) Albert Hare; d. Sept., 1901.
  - iii. HATSEL PURPLE<sup>3</sup>, b. Dec. 9, 1822; m. Adelaide A. Forbes of Vt.; resided the later years of his life in Jacksonville, Fla., where he d. Mch. 17, 1891.
  - iv. ELON RUGGLES<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 18, 1824; m. Celinda D. Brown; died July 6, 1882.
  - v. FRANK BENJAMIN<sup>3</sup>, b. June 23, 1825; m. Mary E.<sup>4</sup>, dau. Benjamin<sup>3</sup> Green, 1849; one dau., Minnie<sup>4</sup>, who d. young. He d. Mch. 10, 1895.
  - vi. ALANSON J.<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 8, 1826; resides Ware, Mass.

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- vii. SARAH AMANDA<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 1, 1828; d. July 9, 1831.
  - viii. AZRO K.<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept. 29, 1830; m. Jennie Bliss of Brattleboro, Vt. For some time Mr. Green was assistant postmaster, resigning his position in 1880, at which time he moved to Greenfield. He d. Aug. 23, 1887. Had: 1. Cora A.<sup>4</sup>, b. Dec. 26, 1864; m. Frank Gaines, Aug. 1, 1892; resides Orange, Mass.
  - ix. MYRON R.<sup>3</sup>, b. June, 1832; d. Aug. 22, 1852.
  - x. JOHN B.<sup>3</sup>, b. Jan. 4, 1835; m. Ruth J. Taylor. She d. April 17, 1876; m. (2) Ella M. Cushman of Ware, where they reside.
  - xi. VICTORIA A.<sup>3</sup>, b. June 30, 1837; m. George E. Taylor; res. Shelburne.
  - xii. ELIZABETH J.<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 1, 1839; m. Lawrence W. Dole; resided Gill; she d. Aug. 13, 1900.
4. GREEN, BENJAMIN<sup>3</sup>, (Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>1</sup>.) b. Oct. 27, 1791; m. 1816, Electa, dau. Joseph and Abby Gaines of Guilford. She d. Apr. 5, 1879. He resided on the Capt. Woodbridge Green place; d. Mch. 11, 1860. Children:
- i. RUGGLES<sup>4</sup>, b. Feb., 1826; d. June 15, 1829.
  - ii. LUCINA MINERVA<sup>4</sup>, b. Sept. 11, 1817; m. Samuel Sheldon Wright, Apr. 11, 1838; d. Apr. 26, 1856.
  - iii. JOEL GAINES<sup>4</sup>, b. March 11, 1819; m. Evelina A.<sup>4</sup>, daughter of Enoch<sup>3</sup> Moore, 1845; resides in Minn.
  - iv. BENJAMIN<sup>4</sup>, b. May 28, 1821; m. May 1, 1844, Mary A.<sup>8</sup>, dau. of Samuel<sup>7</sup> Wright. He d. Jan. 3, 1894. She d. in Holyoke, November 12, 1900, ae. 78. Had: 1. Coralinn M.<sup>5</sup>, b. Apr. 17, 1850; d. Apr. 5, 1856. 2. Ada M.<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 4, 1852; d. September 20, 1852.
  - v. DENNISON W.<sup>4</sup>, b. May 14, 1824; m. Caroline Minerva Stewart, May 13, 1851; resides Minn.
  - vi. ELIZA M.<sup>4</sup>, d. Apr. 11, 1834, ae. 1 yr. 8 mos.
  - vii. ABBY ANN<sup>4</sup>, m. May 17, 1853, John B., son of Dea. Daniel Slate.
  - viii. ELIZA M.<sup>4</sup>, m. John Madison<sup>6</sup> Ryther, May 17, 1853; d. Jan. 18, 1898.
  - ix. JOSEPH S.<sup>4</sup>, m. Mary Smith of New Salem; resides Minneapolis, Minn.
  - x. MARY E.<sup>4</sup>, m. Frank B.<sup>3</sup> Green, May 23, 1849.



GROUT, LEONARD B., son of Joseph of Guilford, Vt.; settled in Bernardston many years ago on the Casey Brook road. He was a soldier in the Civil War, serving in the 52nd Reg., M. V. M. Has: Henry, and Mary who m. — Smith, also another dau.

GUELLOW, RUFUS, came to town from Townshend, Vt., in 1827, settling on the Northfield road on the place now owned by his son, Charles P. He was b. in 1772 in Connecticut; m. Mch. 6, 1800, Sarah Watkins. She d. Mch. 2, 1842, ae. 70. He d. Oct. 23, 1863, ae. 91 yrs. Children:

- i. CHARLES P.<sup>2</sup>, b. Sept. 24, 1816; m. Apr. 16, 1843, Hester S. Dewey of Greenfield; occupation carpenter and farmer. Had: 1. Sarah J.<sup>3</sup>, b. June 8, 1844; m. Thomas J. Wheeler, Jan. 20, 1860; resides Chicago; no children. 2. Helen A.<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 19, 1846; m. Hector A. Murphy, Sept. 2, 1867. 3. Lizzie W.<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 18, 1849; m. Nehemiah Andrews of Guilford, Vt., Sept., 1868; d. Oct. 10, 1880. 4. Edgar A.<sup>3</sup>, b. March 21, 1851; res. at home; unm. 5. Alice W.<sup>3</sup>, b. Dec. 21, 1855; m. C. W. Johnson of Turners Falls, Nov. 8, 1879; d. May 14, 1885.
- ii. PHILENA<sup>2</sup>, m. Abner Crosier of Halifax, Vt., 1830; resides Thompson, Pa.
- iii. CHARLOTTE<sup>2</sup>, m. John S. Caldwell of Northfield, Sept. 2, 1833. Is dead.
- iv. ASENATH<sup>2</sup>, b. 1803; m. Amasa<sup>7</sup> Sheldon. She d. Mch. 11, 1870. There were three other children, names not reported.

HALE. This family came to town not far from 1760. According to tradition three brothers took up there abode here, Samuel and Chileab permanently, and Joseph removing after a few years' residence to New Hampshire. Upon the early records is the name of one Joseph Hale who was deerreave in 1767, warden 1774, constable 1777 and tithingman 1779. After the latter date, no further mention of him is found and presumably he was the Joseph who settled in New Hampshire. So far as is known, he had no family at the time of his removal. The former home of these brothers is supposed to be either Chatham or Haddam, Ct., and from the fact that Samuel is spoken of in one place as Samuel Jr., their father's name was probably Samuel.

1. HALE, SAMUEL, b. 1737, and d. July 10, 1783, ae. 46 years; m. Lucy, dau. Daniel Slate, who d. Oct. 18, 1821, ae. 76. She m. (2) Oct. 23, 1787, Elisha Worden of Halifax, Vt. Samuel Hale, Jr., was chosen deerreave in 1776. Children, order of birth uncertain:
  2. i. JOHN<sup>2</sup>, b. Apr. 30, 1764.
  3. ii. ISRAEL<sup>2</sup>, b. May 18, 1766.
  4. iii. SAMUEL<sup>2</sup>.
  - iv. LOIS<sup>2</sup>, m. Asa Worden; resided Marlboro, Vt.
  - v. AZUBA<sup>2</sup>, m. ——— Smith; resided Hanover, N. H.
  - vi. ELECTA<sup>2</sup>, m. Joseph Weeks; resided Halifax, Vt.
  - vii. RACHAEL<sup>2</sup>, m. (1) Sept. 18, 1788, Peter Worden of Halifax, Vt.; (2) Elder Allen, who preached for about a year at the Baptist church in town.
  - viii. FREEDOM<sup>2</sup>, m. Samuel Niles of Halifax, Vt.
  - ix. PATTY<sup>2</sup>, m. Elisha Worden, son of her mother's second husband.
  - x. ANN<sup>2</sup>, m. Abraham Brown of Hanover, N. H. Intention entered Jan. 30, 1785.
  - xi. HULDAH<sup>2</sup>, b. May 3, 1771; m. Gamaliel<sup>2</sup> Kingsley, June 24, 1795; d. Dec. 13, 1802.
2. HALE, Captain JOHN<sup>2</sup>, (Samuel<sup>1</sup>.) b. Apr. 30, 1764; m. Feb. 5, 1789, Sarah Wallis of Barre, Mass. She was b. Oct. 27, 1763; d. Nov. 26, 1839; m. (2) a widow of Gill. He resided on the farm now owned by Marshall Whithed on South street; d. Aug. 24, 1852. Children:
  - i. CAROLINE<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 1, 1790; m. Apr. 15, 1812, James Couch<sup>8</sup> Root of Bern.; she d. Jan. 12, 1884.
  - ii. MATILDA<sup>3</sup>, b. May 26, 1792; m. Mch. 23, 1818, Isaac Barton, Jr.; d. Mch. 17, 1866.
  - iii. ADOLPHUS<sup>3</sup>, b. Mch. 14, 1796; m. Apr. 29, 1863, Caroline Worden, widow of Ralph A.<sup>3</sup> Hale. She d. Mch. 14, 1895, ae. 84 years, seven months. He d. Mch. 31, 1879; no children. Mr. Hale was selectman in 1830-2-4 and to 42 inclusive.
  5. iv. HORACE<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 9, 1799.
  6. v. INCREASE SUMNER<sup>3</sup>, b. May 11, 1802.
  7. vi. JOHN FRANKLIN<sup>3</sup>, b. Jan. 15, 1807.
3. HALE, Lieut. ISRAEL<sup>2</sup>, (Samuel<sup>1</sup>.) b. May 18, 1766; m. (1) Jemima<sup>2</sup>,

dau. Chileab<sup>1</sup> Hale; their intention entered Jan. 16, 1785. She was b. Dec. 31, 1764; d. Dec. 28, 1834, ae. 70; m. (2) Elizabeth<sup>2</sup> Hale, half-sister of his first wife. She was b. 1771; d. June 29, 1852, ae. 81. He resided near the railroad crossing on South street; d. Aug. 25, 1850, ae. 84 years. There is a tradition that old Lieut. Hale was "left-handed," and that this fact was the cause of his being known by the title "Lefttenant" as he was called for many years, an easy corruption of his title lieutenant. Children:

8. i. JOHN<sup>3</sup> 2nd., (Jack) b. 1786.
- ii. LOVINA<sup>3</sup>, b. 1791; m. (1) Oct. 22, 1812, Horace<sup>3</sup>, brother of John Burk; (2) Alpheus Chapin, Nov. 14, 1816; resided Lorain, N. Y., where she d. Aug. 21, 1843, ae. 52 years.
- iii. ZADOC<sup>3</sup>, b. 1792; m. (1) Priscilla Chapin of Rowe; intention recorded July 11, 1812; (2) Maria Parsons. He settled in Michigan; d. Mch. 22, 1868. While in town he resided on South street, at the place now occupied by Fred Merrifield. Had: 1. Mary<sup>4</sup>, m. Israel Cummings of Chicopee. 2. Rosetta<sup>4</sup>, m. Harry Amidon of Rowe, where she d. 3. Dwight<sup>4</sup>, d. in New Hampshire. 4. John<sup>4</sup>, resided in Mich. 5. Charles P.<sup>4</sup>, resided Otsego, Mich., where he d. Feb. 16, 1899. 6. Hannah<sup>4</sup>, m. Orison Cook of Heath; d. in Mich. 7. Silvina<sup>4</sup>, b. Mch., 1841; d. Feb. 24, 1843.
- iv. POLLY<sup>3</sup>, b. 1794; d. July, 1795.
9. v. GEORGE W.<sup>3</sup>, b. 1796.
10. vi. SEORIM<sup>3</sup>, b. June 9, 1798.
- vii. JOSEPH PRIESTLY<sup>3</sup>, b. 1801; d. Nov. 19, 1819.
- viii. PHILANDER<sup>3</sup>, b. 1801 or 1804; m. (1) Julia Ann Parker, widow of his brother George W., Nov. 10, 1825; d. Dec. 21, 1840; (2) Amanda D. Grover. She m. (2) in Vernon, Vt., Mch. 11, 1851, L. Richardson of Royalston. Mr. Hale lived for a time on the place formerly known as the Edwin Tyler place, since owned by E. S. Persons, and now by ———— Hodgens; d. July 2, 1850. Had: 1. Harriet<sup>4</sup>, m. Charles Sawtell, Jan. 1, 1846; d. Apr. 27, 1870. 2. Samuel F.<sup>4</sup>, d. in New York. By second wife: 3. Ezra<sup>4</sup>, b. 1843; d. Jan. 4, 1853. 4. Son<sup>4</sup>, d. Aug. 29, 1832, ae. five months. 5. Henry W.<sup>4</sup>, d. in Windsor, Vt.; was a member of the 52nd Regiment. 6. Sylvester<sup>4</sup>, d. in Monta-

- gue. 7. Elizabeth<sup>4</sup>, m. Herbert Worden; d. in Guilford, Vt.  
 8. Charles<sup>4</sup>, d. Jan. 12, 1847, ae. seven months.
11. ix. ISRAEL PORTER<sup>3</sup>, b. 1807.
4. HALE, SAMUEL<sup>2</sup>, (Samuel<sup>1</sup>.) m. May 24, 1791, Anna<sup>4</sup>, dau. of Capt. Moses<sup>3</sup> Scott. She was b. Nov. 22, 1767. Upon the town records he has the title of lieutenant prefixed to his name. He resided in Gill. Children:
- i. ALMEDA<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 22, 1794; m. Joel<sup>6</sup> Aldrich of Guilford, Vt., Feb. 15, 1818; she d. Nov. 11, 1850.
  - ii. NANCY<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept. 19, 1796; m. Obed Severance of Gill.
  - iii. HARRIET<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 22, 1798; m. ——— Simons of Gill.
  - iv. CHARLOTTE<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 29, 1801; d. unm.
  - v. RALPH A.<sup>3</sup>, b. Mch. 30, 1803; m. Caroline Worden; resided in Gill, where he d.
  - vi. MARY B.<sup>3</sup>, b. June 16, 1806; m. Jan. 28, 1830, Levi<sup>2</sup> Park; died Mch. 3, 1871.
  - vii. SAMUEL PRENTICE<sup>3</sup>, or Prince, b. Sept. 27, 1808; m. a lady from Boston. He resided in Gill; d. Aug. 5, 1895. Had: 1. John<sup>4</sup>. 2. Emergene<sup>4</sup>, m. Ed. Purple of Gill. 3. Ida F.<sup>4</sup>, m. Nov. 1, 1871, Henry DeWolf of West Deerfield. 4. Daughter<sup>4</sup>, m. Dwight Smead of Colrain.
5. HALE, HORACE<sup>3</sup>, (Capt. John<sup>2</sup>, Samuel<sup>1</sup>.) b. Oct. 9, 1799; m. Sarah<sup>4</sup>, dau. Consider<sup>7</sup> Cushman, Apr. 29, 1823. She was b. Nov. 30, 1801; d. July 10, 1846. He resided on the place now owned by his son Ezekiel, on South street. He d. July 15, 1868. Children:
- 12. i. LORENZO<sup>4</sup>, b. Feb. 20, 1824.
  - ii. FREDERICK<sup>4</sup>, b. Mch. 11, 1826; d. Sept. 17, 1864, unm. at Fort Magruder, near Williamsburg, Va. He was a member of the 4th. Mass. Cav.
  - 13. iii. EZEKIEL CHAPIN<sup>4</sup>, b. Dec. 12, 1828.
  - iv. MARIA JANE<sup>4</sup>, b. July 13, 1831; resided Round Mountain, California; m. Samuel T. Randall.
  - v. JOHN<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 18, 1833; resided West.
6. HALE, INCREASE SUMNER<sup>3</sup>, (Capt. John<sup>2</sup>, Samuel<sup>1</sup>.) b. May 11, 1802; m. Dec. 11, 1828, Abigail<sup>3</sup>, dau. of Edward<sup>2</sup> Nelson.

She was b. Dec. 27, 1806, and d. Nov. 21, 1900, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bullard, in Greenfield. Mr. Hale resided on the place now owned by E. C. Burrows, where he carried on the milling business later owned by his son Hartley. He d. Nov. 2, 1885. Children:

- i. SARAH<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 12, 1830; d. Apr. 22, 1892; m. June 14, 1854, Newell Snow of Greenfield. Had: 1. Cora M.<sup>5</sup>, b. May 8, 1856; m. Oct. 5, 1884, Thomas M. Wells. 2. Edwin Hale<sup>5</sup>, b. July 6, 1861; d. Apr. 11, 1878. 3. Walter Newell<sup>5</sup>, b. May 19, 1863; m. Lizzie Baird, dau. Matthew Chapman, June 6, 1888.
- ii. HARTLEY<sup>4</sup>, b. June 19, 1833; d. Aug. 11, 1841.
- iii. MARY<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 4, 1835; m. John Clark, Apr. 24, 1866; resides Greenfield, (Factory Village).
- iv. ESTHER<sup>4</sup>, b. Jan. 2, 1838; d. unm., May 12, 1871.
- v. LAURA ALMEDA<sup>4</sup>, b. July 4, 1841; m. June 4, 1875, Luke Bullard. She resides in the north part of Greenfield.
- vi. HARLEY<sup>4</sup>, b. May 27, 1845; d. young.
- vii. HARTLEY<sup>4</sup>, b. also May 27, 1845; m. Jan. 1, 1877, Hattie B. Haskell of Leverett; b. Mch. 27, 1853. Mr. Hale succeeded his father in his saw-mill. Later he built a saw and grist mill on the south side of the railroad, opposite the station, which he operated a few years, when he purchased the old mill privilege on Fall River formerly owned by Chauncey Slate, where he erected new mills and a substantial grain elevator, which were burned a few years later. His business was enlarged beyond the grain and lumber departments so as to include coal and other commodities. He was one of the active supporters of the Unitarian society, and in his death, which occurred Feb. 17, 1897, that parish, as well as the town, lost one of her enterprising, public-spirited men. Mrs. Hale resides in Montague; no children.
- viii. LUCY EMILY<sup>4</sup>, b. May 2, 1848; m. Jan. 3, 1872, David<sup>8</sup>, son of Zalmon<sup>7</sup> Chapin; resides in Bern., "around the mountain."
7. HALE, JOHN FRANKLIN<sup>3</sup>, (Capt. John<sup>2</sup>, Samuel<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 15, 1807; m. his cousin Alcy, dau. of Joseph Weeks of Halifax, Vt., Nov. 21, 1830. She was b. July 25, 1808, in Halifax; died



Dec. 24, 1895. Mr. Hale was selectman 1863-4-5. His home was on South street, now owned by his grandson, M. F. Whithed. He d. Dec. 17, 1893. Children:

- i. ELLEN ADELA<sup>4</sup>, b. Jan. 13, 1832; m. Nov. 25, 1855; Harvey B.<sup>8</sup> Shattuck. He d. West. She resides with her niece, Mrs. Aimee Whithed.
- ii. ALMA OPHELIA<sup>4</sup>, b. Sept. 16, 1834; m. Nov. 25, 1858, Henry O.<sup>8</sup> Root; resides Bern.
- iii. FRANCES CORNELIA<sup>4</sup>, b. May 30, 1840; m. Sept. 3, 1861, L. F. Whithed of Vernon, Vt.; resided Bern., where she d. June 13, 1894. A woman whose beauty of character impressed itself upon all with whom she came in contact. Had: 1. Marshall F., b. May 16, 1862; m. June 28, 1899, Myrtia L. Cook. 2. Aimee M., b. Sept. 25, 1866; has for many years been a successful school teacher.

8. HALE, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, or Jack, (Lieut. Israel<sup>2</sup>, Samuel<sup>1</sup>.) b. 1786; m. (1) Sept. 18, 1811, Chloe<sup>2</sup>, dau. William<sup>1</sup> Fox of Bern. She was b. Mch. 1, 1790; d. Dec. 23, 1840; m. (2) Dec. 22, 1842, Caroline P. Hosmer of Gill. He resided "around the mountain," where he had a large farm; d. Mch. 18, 1856. Children:

- i. JOHN VALENTINE<sup>4</sup>, b. Dec. 17, 1812; m. (1) July 16, 1836, Jerusha A. Sheldon; d. in Guilford, Sept. 27, 1841; m. (2) June 8, 1843, Almira E., dau. Isaac Barber. He resides on South st.; by occupation a carpenter and builder. Had: 1. John Henry<sup>5</sup>, born Mch. 28, 1837; m. 1863, Julia Park of Westminster, Vt. He was killed in the war, May 5, 1864. Was in Co. I, Ninth Mass. She resides Norwood, Mass. 2. Francis D.<sup>5</sup>, b. Apr. 19, 1839, in Leyden; m. Dec., 1870, ——— Kimpland; d. Apr. 7, 1871. Was a member of 21st. Reg., Mass. Vol. 3. James W.<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 19, 1841, in Guilford; d. in Newbern, N. C., Apr. 9, 1862. Was a member of 21st Mass. Reg.
14. ii. ALLEN BLANFORD<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 16, 1815.
- iii. SYLVINA A.<sup>4</sup>, b. 1816; m. Apr. 28, 1841, Dea. Henry Slate; (first wife). She d. June 14, 1849.
- iv. ISRAEL<sup>4</sup>, b. 1817; m. Gratia Rugg of Montague, 1845; d. Dec. 21, 1850; m. (2) Sophronia ———, who d. Nov. 26, 1863. He settled in Ct., where he d. May 6, 1856. Had: 1. George<sup>5</sup>, m.

and resides in South Deerfield. 2. Ellen<sup>5</sup>, d. Apr. 30, 1857, ae. two years. 3. Maria E.<sup>5</sup>, d. Oct. 13, 1854, ae. one year, six months. 4. William B.<sup>5</sup>, m. and had children; became a wealthy man, prominent in social and business circles; d. Apr., 1895, in Milford.

v. FREEDOM<sup>4</sup>, m. Edwin Gaines of Guilford, Vt.

vi. SILAS P.<sup>4</sup>, b. 1823; m. Apr. 20, 1848, Sarah E.<sup>6</sup>, dau. Luther<sup>6</sup> Bagg. She d. Apr., 1893; he d. Nov. 28, 1874; resided South street on the old Chileab place recently owned by Benjamin Green. Had: 1. Ella M.<sup>5</sup>, m. Henry R. Wells, 1879; d. Mch. 22, 1886. He d. Sept. 3, 1892. 2. John Edson<sup>5</sup>, b. 1857; d. Dec. 19, 1857. 3. Anna<sup>5</sup>, b. 1860; d. Dec. 27, 1860.

vii. GEORGE M.<sup>4</sup>, b. 1826; d. unm., May 15, 1862; res. on his father's old place.

viii. C. MATILDA<sup>4</sup>, b. 1827; d. unm., Dec. 17, 1856; was a teacher.

ix. EDSON<sup>4</sup>, b. 1829; d. in Ct., unm., Sept. 17, 1849.

x. C. ALBERT<sup>4</sup>, b. 1834; d. Dec. 17, 1859, unm.; was a successful teacher.

9. HALE, GEORGE W.<sup>3</sup>, (Lieut. Israel<sup>2</sup>, Samuel<sup>1</sup>,) b. 1796; m. Julia Ann Parker; resided on the Edwin Thayer place, now owned by ——— Hodgens. He d. Feb. 17, 1823; she m. (2) her brother-in-law, Philander<sup>3</sup> Hale, Nov. 10, 1825; d. Dec. 21, 1840. Children:

i. EMILY J.<sup>4</sup>, m. Richard<sup>6</sup> Bagg of Montague, Apr. 5, 1842; d. Jan. 5, 1848.

ii. JOSEPH PRIESTLY<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 24, 1819; m. Lucy Ann Fish of Lunenburg, 1841. He d. Oct. 15, 1883. Mr. Hale was thoroughly a self-made man. When 14 years old, he carried the mails on horse-back twice a week a distance of 75 miles. After two years of this service he located in Worcester, where he started a carpenter and paint shop, later engaging in the crockery trade. Having accumulated quite a property, he established, in 1860, a piano factory at Hudson and Canal streets, New York. In this venture he was eminently successful, and accumulated a large fortune, being classed among the millionaires of New York. It is said that he made 50,000 pianos, all of which were sold on a cash basis. He was president and chief stockholder in New York, New England and Western Investment Co., located at

31 Pine street. He was also interested in western business ventures. He took an active interest always in his native town, and did much for her citizens. Upon his death he bequeathed the sum of ten thousand dollars to the Unitarian society with which he was wont to worship. He also instituted the Union picnics, giving the sum of \$1000, the income to be used for that object. Had: 1. Julia<sup>6</sup>, m. (1) J. H. Demorest, D. D. S., b. Apr. 20, 1844; d. Mch. 21, 1877; m. (2) William E. Traver of Greenfield, where they resided. She d. May 6, 1898; four children. 2. George W.<sup>5</sup>, b. May 7, 1842; d. May 13, 1843. 3. Maria E.<sup>5</sup>, b. June 14, 1845; d. Oct. 14, 1845. 4. Augusta W.<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 14, 1849; m. Charles H. Stone; d. Aug. 26, 1886; two sons.

iii. LUCINDA<sup>4</sup>, m. Salem F. Wright; resided Winterset, Ia., but now is in the family of S. B. Slate, Greenfield.

10. HALE, SEORIM<sup>3</sup>, (Lieut. Israel<sup>2</sup>, Samuel<sup>1</sup>,) b. June 9, 1798; died July 2, 1851; m. (1) Betsey, dau. of William<sup>2</sup> Fox, Apr. 1, 1819; d. May 18, 1843; (2) Thankful, widow of Luther Bagg, Nov. 15, 1843; resided on Burk Flat and South st. Children:

i. EUNICE ELECTA<sup>4</sup>, b. Jan. 15, 1820; m. Sept. 18, 1846, Jonathan Richardson; resides in Canada.

ii. DAVID DARIUS<sup>4</sup>, b. June 2, 1822; d. in New York State.

iii. LUCY<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 12, 1824; m. Apr. 13, 1852, Lorenzo<sup>4</sup> Hale of Bernardston; d. Mch. 15, 1857.

iv. FIDELIA MARANDA<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 19, 1827; m. Sept. 27, 1853, Josiah G.<sup>7</sup> Wood of Whately; d. in Bern., May 30, 1877. Had: Harriet E., b. Apr. 7, 1862, who m. John, son of Alanson Chapin.

v. SOPHRONIA M.<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 12, 1829; m. Madison Moore; d. in North Amherst, Sept. 10, 1856.

vi. AUSTIN HUBBARD<sup>4</sup>, b. June 26, 1833; m. and d. in Col.

vii. WILLIAM SEORIM<sup>4</sup>, b. May 9, 1835; went to Wisconsin.

viii. JAMES ALONZO<sup>4</sup>, b. Dec. 19, 1837; m. and went West.

11. HALE, ISRAEL PORTER<sup>3</sup>, (Lieut. Israel<sup>2</sup>, Samuel<sup>1</sup>,) b. 1807; m. Aurelia L.<sup>6</sup>, dau. Consider<sup>7</sup> Cushman of Bern., May 26, 1829. She was b. Sept. 5, 1803; d. July 14, 1892. Mr. Hale was selectman four years. He resided on his father's farm on the west side of the road north of the railroad crossing on

South street (the house has since been burned), where his entire life was spent. "Generous, kind and cordial he always had a kind and friendly word for all, ready to see good and commend it wherever it appeared." He d. May 29, 1883. Children :

- i. HULDAH E.<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 6, 1831; m. Seorem Burke, son of Seorem Burke Slate, Apr. 19, 1857; resides Greenfield; no children.
- ii. JAMES M.<sup>4</sup>, b. May 5, 1833; m. Janette S., dau. of Seorem Burke Slate, Jan. 1, 1856; resides first house south of the railroad crossing on South street; no children.
- iii. ALANSON PORTER<sup>4</sup>, b. Mch. 23, 1835.
- iv. LORETTA AURELIA<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 12, 1843; m. Rev. Hiram Norton of Rowe, May 5, 1863. Mr. Norton has retired from the ministry, turning his attention to mechanical pursuits. They reside in Greenfield. Had: 1. Frank P.<sup>5</sup>, b. 1866; enlisted as a member of Co. L, 2nd Reg., Mass. Vol., serving in Cuba; d. in Camp Wikoff, Montauk Point, L. I., Aug. 22, 1898. 2. Annie<sup>5</sup>, m. ——— Cook; res. Springfield. 3. Charles<sup>5</sup>, machinist; res. Greenfield.

12. HALE, LORENZO<sup>1</sup>, (Horace<sup>3</sup>, Capt. John<sup>2</sup>, Samuel<sup>1</sup>,) b. Feb. 20, 1824; m. (1) Apr. 13, 1852, Lucy E.<sup>4</sup>, dau. of Seorim<sup>3</sup> Hale. She was b. Aug. 12, 1824; d. Mch. 15, 1857, ae. 32; m. (2) Aug. 23, 1859, Sophia Burdick, widow of Asa Hibbard Carleton. She d. Mch. 31, 1890, ae. 77. Mr. Hale is a farmer, residing on Huckle Hill on the Lathrop Edwards place. Children :

- i. DAVID L.<sup>5</sup>, b. Dec., 1855; d. Mch. 23, 1857.
- ii. EMMA<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 14, 1853; m. Uriah N. Streeter, Aug. 1, 1880; b. in Vernon, Vt.; resides Greenfield. Had: 1. Lorenzo<sup>6</sup>. 2. Samuel<sup>6</sup>. 3. Lucy<sup>6</sup>.
- iii. CLARENCE<sup>5</sup>, b. Mch. 13, 1857; m. Lula, dau. J. Bridgeman Martin of Leyden, Apr. 30, 1885. Has: 1. Ina<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan. 2, 1890; d. Sept. 8, 1890. 2. Clyde<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan. 17, 1897.

13. HALE, EZEKIEL CHAPIN<sup>1</sup>, (Horace<sup>3</sup>, Capt. John<sup>2</sup>, Samuel<sup>1</sup>,) b. Dec. 12, 1828; m. Henrietta Wright<sup>1</sup>, dau. of Isaac<sup>3</sup> Burrows,

Dec. 23, 1856. She was b. Feb. 26, 1837. Mr. Hale resides on the farm formerly owned by his father on South street. Children:

- i. EDWIN BURROWS<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 3, 1857; m. Apr. 12, 1882, Nellie P. Read of Heath. For several years was a member of the school committee, superintendent of the Unitarian Sunday school, and has held various other town offices; selectman since 1892. He is a farmer, residing on South street at the old homestead. Had:
    1. Hazel Henrietta<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 11, 1884. 2. Jennie Evelyn<sup>6</sup>, b. July 7, 1887. 3. Liza Read<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 3, 1892. 4. Lena Marion<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 17, 1893. 5. Julia Elizabeth<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 25, 1897.
  - ii. FREDERICK LINCOLN<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 14, 1865; m. Feb. 17, 1897, Flora Goddard of Orange, where he resides; is a stationary engineer.
  - iii. HORACE LORENZO<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 20, 1878; d. Mch. 31, 1879.
14. HALE, ALLEN BLANFORD<sup>4</sup>, (John<sup>3</sup>, Lieut. Israel<sup>2</sup>, Samuel<sup>1</sup>,) b. Oct. 16, 1815; m. Apr. 7, 1840, Clarissa, dau. of Stillman Spurr of Bernardston. He d. Jan. 9, 1864. She d. 1897-8; residence at corner of South and Cross streets. Children:
- i. LUCIUS CUSHMAN<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 1, 1841; was a member of 21st Reg Mass. Vol., wounded at Newbern, March 14, 1862; d. April 12, 1862. His body was sent home by his comrades, who also assisted in erecting a monument to his memory.
  - ii. LEWIS CARPUS<sup>5</sup>, b. also Feb. 1, 1841; died April 4, 1842.
16. iii. ALMOND D.<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 28, 1842.
- iv. DELIA ELMIRA<sup>5</sup>, b. June 13, 1845; m. Nov. 22, 1870, George Emerson<sup>8</sup> Warner of Brattleboro, Vt. She died Sept. 20, 1900.
15. HALE, ALANSON PORTER<sup>4</sup>, (Israel Porter<sup>3</sup>, Lieut. Israel<sup>2</sup>, Samuel<sup>1</sup>,) b. Mch. 23, 1835; m. Julia S., dau. Seorem Burke Slate, Jan. 22, 1857. Mr. Hale resided on his father's farm until about 1895, when he sold the same, removing to Greenfield. After a few years' residence there he returned, and now lives on South street in the house formerly owned by Jonathan Allen. Is a farmer and butcher. Children:
- i. NELLIE M.<sup>5</sup>, born Sept. 30, 1860; m. Walter Nichols, of the firm of Nichols Brothers; resides Greenfield. Has: 1. Morton<sup>6</sup>. 2. Herbert<sup>6</sup>. 3. Helen<sup>6</sup>.



- ii. HERBERT A.<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 18, 1870; m. Apr. 30, 1896, Grace P., dau. Benjamin Miller of Colrain. He is a salesman for Cutler & Porter of Springfield; resides Greenfield. Has: 1. Marjorie J.<sup>6</sup>, b. Nov. 9, 1897. 2. A dau.<sup>6</sup>, b. Nov. 21, 1899.
16. HALE, ALMOND D.<sup>3</sup>, (Allen B.<sup>1</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Lieut. Israel<sup>2</sup>, Samuel<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 28, 1842; m. Lizzie, dau. of Ezekiel Bascom of Gill, Oct. 12, 1869. Resides on ancestral home, South street. Children:
- i. IRWIN BASCOMB<sup>6</sup>, b. Sept. 15, 1875; m. in Pawtucket, R. I., February 21, 1900, Bessie M. Reed; has dau. b. April 3, 1901; is now proprietor of the store formerly owned by R. L. Crowell & Son.
- ii. THERESA M.<sup>6</sup>, b. Apr. 1, 1877; m. June 8, 1898, Amos W. Adams of Orange.
- iii. AVICE L.<sup>6</sup>, b. May 5, 1887.
1. HALE, CHILEAB<sup>1</sup>, one of the first of the name to come to this place with his brother Samuel. He was five times married: (1) Mary ———, (2) Lydia ———, (3) Mercy ———, (4) Thankful Rich of Greenfield. "Entry of Publication" Sept. 20, 1786, and the fifth time to a half-breed Indian woman. He resided on South street on the place owned by the late Benjamin Green. He d. Nov. 16, 1820, ae. 83 years, which would make the year of his birth 1737. Children:
- i. AMOS<sup>2</sup>, b. 1762; d. May 5, 1834, unm.
- ii. JEMIMA<sup>2</sup>, b. Dec. 31, 1764; m. Lieut. Israel<sup>2</sup> Hale; she d. Dec. 28, 1834.
- iii. PATTY<sup>2</sup>, b., m. and resided in Petersham.
- iv. ELEIZUR<sup>2</sup>, m. (1) Jerusha Loveland, Oct. 10, 1791; she d. Apr. 2, 1811, ae. 41. He probably m. (2) Polly Botedish of Montague, with whom he was published Nov. 30, 1811. February 1, 1816, he advertised his wife Polly. He resided on the east side of South street near the Chileab Hale place, where he died. Had:
1. Olive<sup>3</sup>, b. Mch. 9, 1792; m. Simeon Sheldon, June 28, 1809.
2. Adolphus<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 22, 1794; d. May 7, 1877. 3. Jerusha<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 13, 1797. 4. Russell<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 22, 1799.

By second wife:

- v. ELIZABETH<sup>2</sup>, b. 1771; m. Lieut. Israel<sup>3</sup> Hale, (second wife). She d. June 29, 1852.
2. vi. DANIEL<sup>2</sup>, born April 12, 1775.
- vii. LYDIA<sup>2</sup>, b. March 6, 1777; m. probably 1793, Moses Mitchell.  
By wife Mercy:
3. viii. TIMOTHY<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 18, 1779.
- ix. PHOEBE<sup>2</sup>, b. Aug. 6, 1783; m. Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Sprague. Intention recorded Nov. 31, 1808. She d. May 31, 1862.  
By wife Thankful:
- x. MARTHA<sup>2</sup>, b. Apr. 10, 1785.
- xi. POLLY, b. June 16, 1788; m. Levi Parker. Intention recorded Feb. 7, 1808.
2. HALE, DANIEL<sup>2</sup>, (Chileab<sup>1</sup>), b. Apr. 12, 1775; m. 1797, Mary, dau. of Reuben Park. She was b. Jan., 1766; d. May 16, 1867, ae. 91 years. He resided in the east part of the town, the place since owned by his son Charles, and now by Benjamin Hale, where he d. Jan. 14, 1866, the last survivor of the old generation of Hales. Children:
4. i. LOREN<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 15, 1799.
- ii. AARON<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 6, 1800; m. Rachael Stevens. They resided in "Pisgah," Gill. Had: 1. Laura<sup>4</sup>. 2. Barney<sup>4</sup>. 3. Margaret<sup>4</sup>. 4. Lizzie<sup>4</sup>. 5. Aaron<sup>4</sup>.
- iii. POLLY<sup>3</sup>, b. June 19, 1803; m. Jan. 3, 1822, Joel, son of Israel Slate; resided West.
- iv. BETSEY<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept. 7, 1805; d. Sept. 2, 1806.
5. v. CHARLES<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept. 19, 1809.
- vi. NELSON<sup>3</sup>, b. Mch. 9, 1813; m. Esther M.<sup>7</sup>, dau. Oliver<sup>6</sup> Sheldon, June 4, 1846. She d. Mch. 19, 1864. They had one son, Nelson, who went West.
3. HALE, TIMOTHY<sup>2</sup>, (Chileab<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 18, 1779; m. Nov. 26, 1812, Lovina<sup>5</sup>, dau. Moses<sup>4</sup> Scott, Jr., and widow of Aaron<sup>6</sup> Field. She d. Sept. 12, 1863, ae. 78, in Wales. He d. June 1, 1860. He resided most of his life around the Mountain on the place recently owned by George, David and Joseph Wells, but d. on South street. Children:

- i. CYRUS WHITNEY<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 25, 1813; m. May 7, 1839, Maria J.<sup>8</sup>, dau. of Elisha<sup>7</sup> Snow. She d. June 8, 1848, ae. 27 years; m. (2) 1849, Esther<sup>8</sup>, dau. of Otis<sup>7</sup> Chapin. She d. June 10, 1893, ae. 72. He resided around the Mountain most of his life. During his later years he resided on the place he purchased of Reuben Park in the east part of the town, where he d. Jan. 15, 1900. Had: 1. Angeline M.<sup>4</sup>, d. Feb. 14, 1850, ae. 10 years. 2. George E.<sup>4</sup>, d. July 1, 1851, ae. nine years. 3. Warren<sup>4</sup>, m. Jennie Thayer; resided many years on his father's farm around the Mountain. 4. Orra M.<sup>4</sup>, m. May 11, 1899, Charles H. Whitaker of Orange.
  - ii. WILLIAM BARTLETT<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept. 23, 1815; resided Ct., where he d. Nov. 1, 1878; m. Adaline Walbridge; she d. in Milford, Mch. 26, 1900.
  - iii. SOPHIA S.<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 7, 1818; m. May 29, 1841, Whitman Walbridge of Wales, May 7, 1839; res. Ct.
  - iv. RANSLEY P.<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 29, 1820; d. Jan. 20, 1846-7.
  - v. FRANCIS M.<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 31, 1822; res. Ct.
4. HALE, LOREN<sup>3</sup>, (Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Chileab<sup>1</sup>.) b. Apr. 15, 1799; m. Rachael<sup>2</sup>, dau. of Joseph<sup>1</sup> Aldrich, Nov. 11, 1819. She was b. Sept. 17, 1797, and d. Oct. 21, 1869. He resided in Gill, where he died. Children:
- i. SETH<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 26, 1820; m. (1) Apr. 13, 1846, Lovina<sup>3</sup>, dau. of Joseph<sup>2</sup> and Phoebe Sprague. She d. Oct. 16, 1847; m. (2) Hepsibah, dau. of Jerry Dean, Nov. 16, 1848. She d. May 6, 1885; m. (3) Widow Thayer, Nov., 1887. She d. ———. He resides in Gill. Had: 1. Everett<sup>5</sup>, m. Laura Holton; res. Gill. 2. Ella<sup>5</sup>, m. Ed. Dean; res. Orange. 3. Andre<sup>5</sup>, d. unm. 4. Clarence M.<sup>5</sup>, b. 1854; m. and resided in Wellington, Kansas, where he d. Jan. 24, 1896. 5. Newton<sup>5</sup>, m. ——— Munn; resides Springfield.
  6. ii. SIDNEY<sup>4</sup>, b. Apr. 13, 1822.
  - iii. ROWENA<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 2, 1824; m. Joel Randall, June 13, 1849; res. Northfield.
  - iv. ANDREW<sup>4</sup>, b. June 28, 1828; m. Sarah, dau. Elias Holton, June 24, 1852; no children. He d. in Northfield, July 19, 1899.

- v. MARY<sup>4</sup>, b. Dec. 14, 1830; m. Almon<sup>8</sup> Newcomb of Bern., Oct. 12, 1852; she resides Greenfield.
- vi. LOREN<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 20, 1833; m. Mary H., dau. Philander Slate, Dec. 23, 1856. They reside east of the village on the Northfield road; carpenter by trade. Had: 1. Clifford<sup>5</sup>, m. Annie, dau. of Robert Strange of Leyden; resides Springfield. She died Feb., 1895. 2. Bertie<sup>5</sup>, m. ——— Fish; resides Athol.
- vii. BENJAMIN<sup>4</sup>, b. Apr. 21, 1836; m. (1) Sabrina C. Lock of Montague, Apr. 8, 1858; m. (2) Lura C., dau. of Cyrus Hale, Nov., 1874; resides on the Gill road near the railroad crossing. Has 12 children.
- viii. ADOLPHUS<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 6, 1838; m. Apr. 5, 1860, Caroline, dau. of Phineas L. Wright, Apr. 5, 1860. She was b. Jan. 21, 1842; d. Dec. 27, 1868; m. (2) Dec. 22, 1869, Etta J. Dunklee. She d. Jan. 10, 1885; (3) Mrs. Burdell; resides in Northfield. Had: 1. Charles<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 15, 1862; m. Mary Oakes, May, 1886; resides Orange. 2. Fanny W.<sup>5</sup>, b. Dec. 23, 1864; m. Clarence M. Abbe, Mch. 15, 1893; res. Greenfield; two children: i. Mary Newcomb<sup>6</sup>. ii. J. Warren A<sup>6</sup>. 3. Benjamin<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 11, 1868. By second wife: 4. Willis<sup>5</sup>, b. Dec. 22, 1871; d. Aug., 1872. 5. Carrie<sup>5</sup>, b. May 20, 1873. 6. Hattie<sup>5</sup>, b. Aug. 31, 1874; m. May 6, 1896, William H. Long; resides Greenfield. 7. Zaidee<sup>5</sup>, d. young. 8. Millie P.<sup>5</sup>, b. May 21, 1879.
- ix. ALLEN<sup>4</sup>, b. July 20, 1841; m. Sarah Reed, May 5, 1867; resides in Wethersfield, Ct. Had: 1. George<sup>5</sup>. 2. Jessie<sup>5</sup>, m. George Lewis Wells, June 16, 1897. 3. Izzie<sup>5</sup>.
5. HALE, CHARLES D.<sup>3</sup>, (Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Chileab<sup>1</sup>.) b. Sept. 19, 1809; m. Lucy O., dau. Amzy Langdon, Sept. 3, 1835. She was b. in Rowe, June 5, 1816. He d. May 18, 1871. By occupation he was a book binder, working at his trade in Springfield. For many years he lived in the east part of the town on the Benjamin Hale place. Children:
- i. ANGELIA<sup>4</sup>, b. Dec. 24, 1838; m. George Parker, June 5, 1861; resides Greenfield.
- ii. GEORGE E.<sup>4</sup>, b. Sept. 3, 1840; enlisted in 21st Reg., Mass. Vol., Mch. 3, 1862; was drowned in the Potomac by the sinking of a boat in collision Aug. 13, 1862.

- iii. HENRY W.<sup>4</sup>, b. July 1, 1844; m. Lucy A.<sup>3</sup>, dau. of Levi<sup>2</sup> Park, Sept. 20, 1865. She was b. Oct. 10, 1842. He was a member of the 21st Reg., Mass. Vol., enlisting Mch. 3, 1862, and receiving his discharge Oct. 16, 1862. He was on the same boat with his brother George when the latter was drowned. He now resides in Greenfield where his Grand Army comrades have honored him with the position of commander of Edwin E. Day Post. He is engaged with his brother-in-law in manufacturing. Had: 1. Homer B. P.<sup>5</sup>, b. Apr. 19, 1868; d. Feb. 1., 1872. 2. Gertrude P.<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 4, 1872; m. Sept. 12, 1899, Hal A. Dadmun; res. Greenfield. 3. Avie Blanche<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 13, 1877; d. June 5, 1886.
- iv. HATTIE M.<sup>4</sup>, b. May 27, 1859; m. Dwight Benjamin, Sept. 17, 1874; resided Greenfield. She d. July 27, 1901.

6. HALE, SIDNEY<sup>1</sup>, (Loren<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Chileab<sup>1</sup>.) b. Apr. 13, 1822; m. Cornelia Fox, Apr., 20, 1847. Children:

- i. EDSON<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 19, 1849; m. May 17, 1871, Emma, dau. of Albert and Keziah Dean of Gill, who was b. June 30, 1852. He resides on the old Joel Dewey place opposite the library, where he is engaged in the meat business. He is a member of Republican Lodge, F. and A. M., Greenfield. Had: 1. Martha<sup>6</sup>, b. May 10, 1872; d. May 14, 1875. 2. Elizabeth C.<sup>6</sup>, b. Apr. 1, 1874; m. Oct. 13, 1897, Alfred Brown<sup>9</sup> Cushman. He d. Nov. 18, 1897. 3. Susie Cornelia<sup>6</sup>, b. July 18, 1881; d. Nov. 22, 1899.
- ii. LILLIAN<sup>5</sup>, b. June, 1866; m. Everett, son of Joel Gaines of Guilford, where they reside.

HALL, SAMUEL, Lieut., m. Anna ———.

- i. ALMEDA<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 22, 1791.
- ii. NANCY<sup>2</sup>, b. Sept. 19, 1796.
- iii. HARRIET<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 22, 1798.
- iv. CHARLOTTE<sup>2</sup>, b. Aug. 29, 1801.
- v. RALPH<sup>2</sup>, b. Mch. 30, 1803.
- vi. MARY S.<sup>2</sup>, b. June 16, 1805.
- xii. SAMUEL PRENTICE<sup>2</sup>, b. Sept. 27, 1808.

HALL, SIMEON, was decreave 1777. His name appears on John Burk's enlistment roll ending Nov. 30, 1758. Children:



- i. POLLY<sup>2</sup>, b. Mch. 15, 1779.
- ii. RACHAEL<sup>2</sup>, b. Jan. 6, 1781.
- iii. DEBORAH<sup>2</sup>, b. July 12, 1783.
- iv. SALLY<sup>2</sup>, b. Apr. 2, 1786.

HAMILTON, JOHN, was b. in Brookfield, Mass., Feb. 9, 1768; m. Betsey Farrill. She was b. July 12, 1773; d. Apr. 18, 1857. Soon after their marriage, Mr. Hamilton came to town. He was one of eleven children, and the last survivor of the family. He held the office of justice of the peace nearly thirty years, and for twelve years was selectman. For five years he was representative in the Legislature. A much respected man in this community. He d. May 14, 1844. His farm and distillery were in the east part of the town, now owned by Mr. Parker. Children :

- i. ASENATH<sup>2</sup>, b. Mch. 5, 1796; d. Aug. 20, 1801.
- ii. GEORGE WASHINGTON<sup>2</sup>, b. Aug. 8, 1797; d. Aug. 16, 1801.
- iii. JOHN DWIGHT<sup>2</sup>, b. Oct. 31, 1799; d. Aug. 25, 1801.
- iv. FANNY<sup>2</sup>, b. Oct. 17, 1802; m. Erastus<sup>3</sup> Burrows, Oct. 17, 1820. She d. July 15, 1885.
- v. MARY<sup>2</sup>, (twin) b. Dec. 19, 1804; m. (1) Stephen Van R.<sup>6</sup> Scott in 1825; (2) Ezra Purple<sup>8</sup> Newcomb, June, 1835. She d. Apr. 12, 1888.
- vi. MARIA<sup>2</sup>, (twin) b. Dec. 19, 1804; m. Alexander H.<sup>8</sup> Newcomb, Nov. 1, 1825.
- vii. HARRIET<sup>2</sup>, b. Sept. 30, 1807; m. Aaron W. Field, 1829; d. February 23, 1882.
- viii. GEORGE WASHINGTON<sup>2</sup>, (twin) b. Jan. 7, 1811; m.; d. Mch. 28, 1878, in Williamsport, Kansas.
- ix. JOHN DWIGHT<sup>2</sup>, (twin) b. Jan. 7, 1811.

HARE, ALBERT L., b. in Ellington, Ct. For 20 years he made his home in Louisiana, then removed to Bernardston about 1865, residing on South street on place formerly owned by Elijah Kingsley, Allson Flint and Samuel J. Lyon. He m. (1) — Barber of Guilford, Vt. She d. He m. (2) Mrs. Elizabeth

J. Hartsough, widow of Blake<sup>3</sup> Green of Bern. He d. February 10, 1900. She d. Sept. 4, 1901, the result of a railroad accident. Children :

- i. MINNIE A.<sup>2</sup>, m. John H. McCray; res. Rockville, Ct.
- ii. ALBERT P.<sup>2</sup>, (twin); res. Springfield.
- iii. ALCIDE B.<sup>2</sup>, (twin) d. July 10, 1864, ae. two years.
- iv. FLORA BELLE<sup>2</sup>, m. A. G. Gordon; res. Hazardville, Ct.

HARRIS, ROMAMZO, came to town about 1888, purchasing the old Allen place on South street, which was later owned by Frederick Chapin.

HARTWELL, EDWIN WARD<sup>5</sup>, (Lucius<sup>4</sup>, Ward<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>, who early settled at Davis Mine, Rowe.) b. in Buckland, Mch. 25, 1835; m. Lucy A., dau. of Peter Wilder of East Charlemont, Sept. 29, 1857. Removed from East Charlemont to Bernardston in 1889, residing four years at Cedar Lawn, then bought his present home on Green st., the place formerly owned by B. Park and M. Kenney. Children :

- i. LAURA A.<sup>6</sup>
- ii. GEORGE E.<sup>6</sup>
- iii. JOSIE B.<sup>6</sup>, who m. Mch. 29, 1898. Henry A. Ballou of Westminster; graduated from Amherst Agricultural College in 1897; now a professor in Storrs's Agricultural College, Connecticut.

HASTINGS, SAMUEL<sup>1</sup>, (Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Dea. Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>, of Watertown, who came in the Elizabeth in 1634, from Ipswich, England) was b. Dec. 28, 1735, settled in Bern. as early as 1760, where he m. Thankful<sup>6</sup>, dau. of Remembrance<sup>5</sup> Sheldon. She was b. 1747, and d. June 15, 1816, ae. 73. (G. S.) Apr. 16, 1760, Lieut. Hastings was chosen to assist in pitching the timbers of the bridge. This was probably the bridge over Fall River at the village. He was surveyor of highways 1762, 1774 and 1776. The offices of deerreaves, hogreaves and fence viewer he held two years each. In 1769 he was chosen tithingman, 1773 constable, 1773 and again in 1778 selectman, 1780 a member of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety. He was one of the first,

if not the first, owner of the tract of land now included in the Park, and thence south nearly to Depot street. He d. Oct. 20, 1817, ae. 82. (G. S.) Children:

- i. SIBIL<sup>5</sup>, b. May 3, 1762.
  - ii. MEHITABLE<sup>5</sup>, b. Mch. 7, 1763; m. Daniel Loveland, Dec. 16, 1793.
  - iii. TIRZAH<sup>5</sup>, b. Dec. 22, 1765; unm.
  - iv. THANKFUL<sup>5</sup>, or Gratia, b. Feb. 18, 1767; d. unm., in Leyden.
  - v. ABIGAIL<sup>5</sup>, b. June 14, 1770; m. Dec. 28, 1793, William Barnard of Deerfield. She d. at Shelburne, Jan. 13, 1804.
  2. vi. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup>, b. Aug. 27, 1772.
  - vii. LYDIA<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 9, 1774; m. John Merrill of Greenfield and Shelburne, 1802.
  - viii. ELIJAH<sup>5</sup>, b. Aug. 17, 1776; d. s. p., in Jacksonville, Fla., Feb., 1826.
  - ix. RUFUS<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 19, 1777; m. Phoebe, widow of his brother, Stephen Hastings, May 10, 1815. He was selectman in 1817; settled in Leyden, Frizzell or East Hill.
  - x. STEPHEN<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 4, 1781; m. Phoebe Jewett of Boston. She m. (2) May 10, 1815, her brother-in-law, Rufus Hastings.
  - xi. CHESTER<sup>5</sup>, b. Dec. 19, 1783; d. unm; resided with his brother Rufus.
2. HASTINGS, SAMUEL<sup>5</sup>, (Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Dea. Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 27, 1772; m. Olive<sup>3</sup>, dau. of Capt. Jonathan<sup>2</sup> Slate. Their intention was recorded Dec. 20, 1800, he then being of Waterbury, Vt. She d. Aug. 27, 1853, ae. 74. He d. June 7, 1857. Children:
- i. ALVA<sup>6</sup>, b. Mch. 26, 1802; m. Ruth F.<sup>3</sup>, dau. of Thomas Lyman<sup>2</sup> Edwards. She d. July 11, 1888, ae. 82 years. He d. Apr. 7, 1883, in Gill, ae. 81; resided on South st. Had: 1. Harriet Tryphena<sup>7</sup>, b. Jan. 12, 1829; m. Jan. 23, 1850, Samuel D. Smith of Amherst. 2. Mary Thankful<sup>7</sup>, b. Jan. 22, 1831; d. July 19, 1837. 3. Henry Alvah<sup>7</sup>, b. Dec. 7, 1832. 4. Thomas Lorenzo<sup>7</sup>, b. Jan. 28, 1836. 5. George Alexander<sup>7</sup>, b. Sept. 3, 1839; was a member of the 20th Reg., Mass. Vol. He d. a prisoner in Salisbury, N. C., Jan. 14, 1865. 6. Charles L.<sup>7</sup>, born May 21, 1842; killed at Frederksburg, Va., Dec. 13, 1862. He was a member of the 20th Reg., Mass. Vol. Two daughters, names not obtained.

- ii. CHESTER<sup>6</sup>, m. Jan. 1, 1829, Tryphena, dau. of Reuben Jewett; (2) Miranda Slate.
- iii. OLIVE<sup>6</sup>, m. Anthony Bascom.
- iv. SARAH R.<sup>6</sup>, m. 1840, Silas Hawks, (second wife).
- v. ABIGAIL<sup>6</sup>.
- vi. HARRIET<sup>6</sup>, m. Chauncey Trask.
- vii. SAMUEL<sup>6</sup>, b. Sept. 11, 1816; m. 1840, Sylvia, dau. Erastus Arms.
- viii. ELIJAH BARNARD<sup>6</sup>, m. Charlotte Scott of Whately.

In Aug., 1801, Ebenezer Hills had possession of the clothier's shop lately owned by George Morey.

HILLS, S. RUSSELL<sup>2</sup>, (Silas<sup>1</sup> of Guilford, Vt.,) was b. Jan. 7, 1815, and came here from 1840 to 1845. His home was upon Burk Flat. He m. May 27, 1845, Dellia E.<sup>3</sup>, dau. of Amos<sup>2</sup> Carrier. She was b. Aug. 26, 1821; d. Nov. 6, 1891. Mr. Hills was a carpenter and farmer, owning the place built by Stephen Gore on Burk Flat, where he d. May 20, 1878. Of a nervous, energetic temperament, he was one who pushed ahead in all his enterprises. Children:

- i. DELIA ANNETTE<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 5, 1848; d. Sept. 23, 1849.
- ii. CHARLES RUSSELL<sup>3</sup>, b. July 20, 1851; m. Dec. 4, 1877, Mary L., dau. of Joseph M. Wilder of Guilford, Vt. Mr. Hills resides upon the farm formerly his father's, and is one of the representative men of this generation. He has been prominently connected with town affairs, among other offices holding that of trustee of Powers Institute, and being for six years one of the selectmen of the place. In social and religious life, he and his wife are always active, doing their part toward making all worthy undertakings successful. They are earnest supporters of the Unitarian society. Mr. Hills is a member of Republican Lodge, F. and A. M., of Greenfield. Had: 1. Arthur<sup>4</sup>, b. and d. July 4, 1879. 2. Charles<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 20, 1880; is student in Institute of Technology at Terre Haute, Ind. 3. Florence May<sup>4</sup>, b. Sept. 10, 1883. 4. Frank Burrows<sup>4</sup>, b. Feb. 24, 1891.
- iii. FRANK HERBERT<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 1, 1853; m. July 17, 1881, Delia L. Pike; resides Waltham.

HINSDALE, EXPERIENCE<sup>2</sup>, was the guide for Capt. Turner in his expedition, and was lost in the attack of Peskeompskut, May 19, 1676. His grandson, John Doud, drew his share in Falls Fight Township. He was the son of Robert<sup>1</sup> Hinsdale, one of the first settlers of Dedham. From Robert<sup>1</sup>, the line of descent of the Bernardston branch is by Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Mehuman<sup>3</sup>, (the first white man born in Deerfield), Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>6</sup>. Samuel<sup>6</sup> was b. Jan. 25, 1784, resided many years on the Swamp road in Greenfield, removing thence to Bernardston, and settling about 1865 in the north part of the town, in the old Rufus Chase place. He m. Jan. 15, 1807. Sally, dau. of Nathaniel Clark of Colrain. She d. Apr. 26, 1844, ae. 64. He d. Children :

- i. GEORGE CLARK<sup>7</sup>, b. Dec. 29, 1807; m. and had a family.
- ii. EMILY<sup>7</sup>, b. Jan. 1, 1810; d. Dec. 9, 1901, in No. Bern.
- iii. MARY STEBBINS<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 14, 1812; m. Apr. 16, 1833, E. H. Ross.
- iv. GIDEON S.<sup>7</sup>, b. June 30, 1814; d. Mch. 26, 1834.
- v. SAMUEL DEXTER<sup>7</sup>, b. June 4, 1816; m. and had a family.
- vi. MARIA<sup>7</sup>, b. Oct. 13, 1818; d. Apr. 4, 1843.
- vii. JULIA H.<sup>7</sup>, b. Dec. 29, 1820; m. June 16, 1860, L. H. Long of Greenfield. (2nd wife).
- viii. MARTHA<sup>7</sup>, b. Apr. 22, 1823; m. Apr. 9, 1850, Isaac Baker.
- ix. LYMAN<sup>7</sup>, b. Dec. 17, 1826; d. at Deadwood, Col., Aug. 15, 1853.
- x. FANNY<sup>7</sup>, b. Apr. 1, 1830; res. No. Bern.

HOLTON, CHARLES EDWARD, M. D., one of the resident physicians of Bernardston, b. Lee, Berkshire Co., Mass., Dec. 18, 1868; graduated Medical Department University of Vermont, 1892; attended N. Y. Post Graduate Medical School; served as house surgeon at Elizabeth (N. J.) General, and Brooklyn Throat, hospitals; was in practice at Roselle, N. J., before coming here. Married June, 1896, May Frances Fleming of Elizabeth, N. J. Has :

- i. JULIA LAWRENCE<sup>2</sup>, b. Oct. 8, 1897.

HORTON, TIMOTHY K.<sup>2</sup>, (Hosea<sup>1</sup>, who d. Feb. 14, 1862, ae. 75,) born 1803; m. (1) Betsey Greenleaf. She d. Dec. 30, 1837, ae. 33; m. (2) Caroline G., dau. of Daniel and Huldah Greenleaf, a



sister of his first wife. She d. Mch. 17, 1852, ae. 37; m. (3) Sept. 2, 1852, Huldah L. Gary of Woodford, Vt. He died Aug. 28, 1878, ae. 75. His home was in North Bern., on the place later owned by Joel Cutler, and now by Mr. Talbot. He d. upon Burk Flat, opposite the Burk Bridge Road. He succeeded Alvin Howe in the store in the north part. Children :

- i. CAROLINE F.<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept. 30, 1831; m. Nov. 1, 1851, George W. Temple. They resided several years in town.
- ii. HELEN E.<sup>3</sup>, b. Dec. 3, 1833; m. Ralph Goodrich, then of Gill. She d. in Greenfield.
- iii. HENRY R.<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 6, 1836; m.; d. in Brattleboro, Vt.
- iv. EUGENIA A.<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept. 12, 1840.
- v. EMMA HOPKINS<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 12, 1844.
- vi. ABBY L.<sup>3</sup>, b. 1847; d. Jan. 20, 1851.
- vii. HERBERT G.<sup>3</sup>, was a member of 33rd. Reg., Mass. Vol.; died unm., 189-.
- viii. ANNETTE<sup>2</sup>, m. Charles Newton; resides in Brattleboro.
- ix. DANIEL<sup>3</sup>, resided Fitchburg.
- x. ORLANDO<sup>3</sup>, b. 1853; d. Mch. 10, 1871.
- xi. FLORA A.<sup>3</sup>, b. 1859; d. Feb. 4, 1863.
- xii. ADA A.<sup>3</sup>, b. 1864; d. Mch. 17, 1890.
- xiii. FRANCELLE A.<sup>3</sup>, (twin) b. 1869; d. Aug. 30, 1869.
- xiv. FRANCES<sup>3</sup>, (twin) b. 1869; d. Oct. 16, 1870.
- xv. MINNA<sup>3</sup>, b. 1870; d. Mch. 21, 1871.
- xvi. EDDIE O.<sup>3</sup>, b. 1872; d. Feb. 20, 1873.
- xvii. T. K.<sup>3</sup>, d. young.

HOWE, Doctor, brother of Samuel. They came from Marlboro ab. 1850. After a few years' residence, he returned to Marlboro.

HOWE, SAMUEL, m. (1) ———; m. (2) June 15, 1850, Nancy Parkhurst of Milford. She d. Jan. 27, 1861. He d. May 3, 1866, ae. 81. These brothers were eccentric characters. Samuel carried the mails to No. Bern. from the village, a forerunner of the "rural delivery," and was familiarly known as "Old 4 o'clock," from his habit of calling out "4 o'clock" to summon people to the roadside for their mail. Children :

- i. ALVIN<sup>2</sup>, b. 1816; m. Releaf, dau. Silas Hills of Guilford, Vt. She d. Nov. 20, 1889, ae. 73. He d. May 30, 1892, ae. 76. Had: 1. George<sup>3</sup>, who d. Oct. 14, 1849, ae. 1 yr. 2 mos. 2. Son<sup>3</sup>, who d. Feb. 19, 1855, ae. 7 weeks. 3. Isadore<sup>3</sup>. 4. Ida<sup>3</sup>, m. ——— Howes.
- ii. EMMELINE<sup>2</sup>, m. Mason Drury of Montague.

HOWE, SAMPSON, Lieut., is mentioned upon the earlier town records as having held various minor town offices from 1763 to 1768.

HOYT, THEODORE BARNARD<sup>1</sup>, (Jonathan<sup>6</sup>, David<sup>5</sup>, Lieut. Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, David<sup>3</sup>, Nicholas<sup>2</sup>, Simon<sup>1</sup>, who settled in Charlestown 1628.) was the first of the name in town, coming here in 1815 from his native place of Deerfield. He was b. May 22, 1786; m. Dec. 7, 1815, Sophia, dau. of William and Sophia Whipple of Brattleboro, Vt. She d. June 27, 1868. He was a harness maker and saddler by trade; d. May 14, 1874.

- i. HARRIET<sup>8</sup>, b. Sept. 10, 1816; d. Aug. 6, 1830.
- ii. RICHARD HENRY<sup>8</sup>, b. Dec. 27, 1820; m. Nov. 28, 1844, H. Adeline<sup>8</sup>, dau. of Lucius<sup>7</sup> Chapin. He early settled on the place now owned by Mr. Clogston on Burk Flat, where for many years he carried on the saddler's and harness maker's trade, removing thence in 1872 to the "Brooks Place" on South street, making his home with his son-in-law, with whom he has ever since resided. For several years he served the town as selectman, and in 1878 represented his district in the Legislature. From his excellent memory many facts herein incorporated have been gleaned, and his readiness to go hither and thither in search of data has been of great assistance in the compilation of this work. He now resides in Greenfield. Mrs. Hoyt d. in the latter place Feb. 15, 1892. Had: 1. Harriet Isabella<sup>9</sup>, b. May 31, 1846; m. Nov. 24, 1864, Nahum S.<sup>8</sup> Cutler; resides in Greenfield. 2. Hannah Sophia<sup>9</sup>, b. Oct. 22, 1848; d. Oct. 12, 1859.
- iii. MARIETTE<sup>8</sup>, b. Sept. 4, 1824; m. Thomas Williams Ashley of Deerfield, Oct. 9, 1844; d. in Deerfield, Aug. 18, 1849.
- iv. JONATHAN<sup>8</sup>, b. Jan. 20, 1829; m. Harriet V., dau. of Benjamin Willard of Dummerston, Vt., Jan. 1, 1851. She d. Mch. 25, 1896; m. (2) July 1, 1900, Mrs. Laura Frances Campbell, dau. of Edward V. Poole of Smithboro, N. Y. She was b. Mch. 3,



THE FAMILIES









J. HOYT AND WIVES

1861. In early life Mr. Hoyt removed from Brattleboro, Vt., to Davenport, Iowa, where, as one of the earlier settlers, he soon attained a position of influence. He has filled many positions of trust and responsibility, and is to be found taking the lead in all that pertains to the advancement of public affairs. In social and Masonic circles he is also prominently connected. He is an extensive dealer in musical merchandise of all kinds, and Hoyt's music house is one of the oldest, largest and most complete in the West. He was for two years president of the Business Men's Association, which has under his administration, been exceedingly prosperous. Is also a bank director.

HOYT, SALMON BENNETT<sup>r</sup>, (Jonathan<sup>1</sup>, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, David<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, David<sup>5</sup>, Nicholas<sup>6</sup>, Simon<sup>7</sup>.) cousin of R. H. Hoyt above, b. May 17, 1819; m. June 25, 1847, Rebecca Humphrey. She d. Mch. 30, 1887. Mr. Hoyt came to town from Deerfield, settling on South street, on the place long owned by Edward Pratt. He has always been an active member of the Congregational church. Has:

i. SARAH<sup>2</sup>, b. Sept. 6, 1850; m. Wells Frary, 189-; res. Bern.

HUNT, SAMUEL, of Tewksbury, son of Samuel who was in the Falls Fight; drew Lot 54 in the first division of land, Meadow Lot No. 12, and in 1742, Lot No. 82 in the 4th division. (Gov. Cushman.) According to the Hunt genealogy, there were two branches of the family who shared in the township; one descended from Capt. Ephraim of Weymouth, the other from Capt. Samuel of Dunstable. William of Ipswich and Norwich, Ct., (wife Sarah Emerson) is ancestor of several of the name recalled by those of the passing generation. His third son and fourth child was Thomas, b. July 30, or Aug. 5, 1717, who with his children, settled in Beaver Meadow.

HUNT, THOMAS<sup>5</sup>, (William<sup>1</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>4</sup> Goodman of Concord ab. 1635,) b. in Ipswich, July 30, or Aug. 5, 1717; m. Nov. 2, 1738, Mary Smith. She was b. July 12, 1712; d. Apr. 13, 1790. He d. May 21, 1803; resided Beaver Meadow. Children:

- i. MARY<sup>6</sup>, bap. Sept. 15, 1739; m. Enoch Goodwin; died in Nova Scotia, 1777.
- ii. ELIZABETH<sup>6</sup>, bapt. Jan. 22, 1742; m. Leonard Woodworth; died Nov. 29, 1794.
- iii. SARAH<sup>6</sup>, b. Apr. 28; d. Oct. 4, 1744.
- iv. THOMAS<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 17, 1745; d. 1814.
- v. SARAH<sup>6</sup>, b. July 11, 1747; m. David Goodwin.
- vi. LYDIA<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan. 9, 1750, in Norwich, Ct.; m. Hezekiah<sup>6</sup> Newcomb, Sept. 15, 1768. She d. Mch. 19, 1834.
- vii. JOHN DEACON<sup>6</sup>, b. Mch. 15, 1752; d. July 14, 1819; m. Martha<sup>4</sup>, dau. Lieut. David Rider, July 25, 1775. She was b. Apr. 10, 1755; d. Mch. 19, 1831. They had one child, Phoebe<sup>2</sup>, b. at No. Bern., Oct. 3, 1776; m. Amos Burrows, Nov. 17, 1794. Dea. John Hunt was private in Col. Whitcomb's Reg., Capt. Wells' Co., May 1, 1775.
- viii. HANNAH<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 24, 1756; m. David Hayes of Bennington, Vt., d. July 11, 1821.

HUNT, THOMAS, private in Col. Asa Whitcomb's Reg., Captain Wells' Co., May 1, 1775; m. Anna ———. Children:

- i. JOHN<sup>2</sup>, b. Mch. 3, 1769.
- ii. MARY<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 12, 1771.
- iii. THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, b. Mch. 3, 1774.

HUNT, SYLVANUS, m. Malita ———: resided on Bald Mountain road north of Justin Slate's. Children:

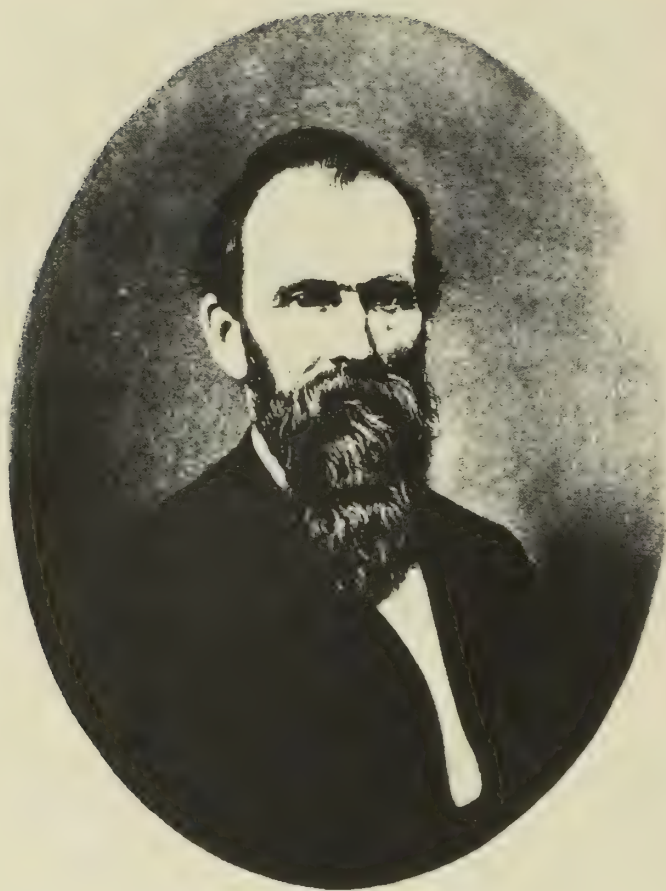
- i. JULIANNA P.<sup>2</sup>, b. Mch. 7, 1832; m. Eli B. Haines of Guilford, Vt., 1848.
- ii. SYLVANUS, JR.<sup>2</sup>, b. May 3, 1834.
- iii. SARAH M.<sup>2</sup>, b. July 21, 1836; d. Nov. 19, 1853.
- iv. GEORGE EDWARD<sup>2</sup>, b. Mch. 3, 1843; d. Mch. 22, 1844.

HUNT, Capt. LUTHER, had a store in town. He d. in Winchester, N. H., Aug. 29, 1837, ae. 41.

HUNT, AMOS, had his store advertised for sale in 1837. The connection, if any, with these families has not been ascertained.

HURLBERT, Lieut. EBENEZER SHELDON, (Ambrose, Ambrose), traces his ancestry to Lieut. Ebenezer Sheldon of Fort and Indian





*E. J. Hulbert*



fame, his great-grandfather being Ebenezer, Jr., and his grandfather, Jonathan Sheldon. His paternal ancestor was William Hurlbert, a native of Wales and a blacksmith by trade, who landed in Boston in 1626. His mother was Elizabeth<sup>7</sup>, dau. of Dea. Jonathan<sup>6</sup> Sheldon of Bern. Ebenezer Hurlbert was the oldest of the family of five, and was born in Burlington, Otsego Co., N. Y., May 17, 1820. He was given a good education, and during his minority, worked with his father in the latter's foundry and blacksmith shop. When 22 years of age he entered a dry goods store in Chicago, Ill., but at the expiration of one year returned home and resumed his trade, working with his father until 1826. He then entered the employ of E. and J. Wilbur & Co., hoe manufacturers of Waterville, N. Y. Three years were here spent, when a partnership was formed with S. A. Willard in Clayville, N. Y., to carry on a like business. In Dec., 1852, he settled in Bernardston, establishing a hoe manufactory under the firm name of E. S. Hurlbert & Co., the Co. being S. N. Brooks and Jonathan Cushman, upon the site of the old iron works on Fall River. In 1864 he assumed the entire control of the business, retaining the same until about 1880, when the Nichols brothers were admitted to the management. In 1892 the latter withdrew from the firm and removed to Greenfield, and Mr. Hurlbert again conducted the business alone. He has now associated with him Henry L. Crowell and Alonzo Alford.

Upon the breaking out of the Rebellion, Mr. Hurlbert was commissioned Lieut. of Co. A, 52nd Reg., Mass. Vol. Infantry. His interest in the Grand Army cause is deep rooted and abiding, and is to-day as enthusiastic as when, in 1862, he entered upon his field duties.

He has been one of the trustees of Powers Institute and of Cushman Library. He was, in 1854, a member of the Massachusetts Legislature, and served upon the board of selectmen from 1872 to 1883, inclusive. He m. Dec. 30, 1863, Laura D., dau. of Chauncey P. Burr of Mercer, Me. Children: i. JULIA B.<sup>2</sup>, b. July 5, 1867; m. Fred B. Dennison, and resides in town.

ii. HELEN L.<sup>2</sup>, b. 1870; d. Jan. 29, 1871.

1. KENNEY, REUBEN<sup>1</sup>, came from East Hartford, Conn., to Bernardston about 1770; b. about 1746; m. Jemima, dau. of Stephen Webster, b. about 1750; d. June 9, 1829. He d. Feb. 26, 1797. Children:

i. CHARITY<sup>2</sup>, b. about 1776; d. April, 1799.

2. ii. REUBEN<sup>2</sup>.

iii. JOHN<sup>2</sup>, who m. Aug. 26, 1819, Ann<sup>3</sup>, dau. John<sup>4</sup> Connable, born Oct. 2, 1801.

2. KENNEY, REUBEN<sup>2</sup>, (Reuben<sup>1</sup>.) m. Mch. 11, 1799, Mary, dau. of Daniel Nightingale of New Hampshire. He was then of Gill, but later went to live on his grandfather Webster's place, recently owned by the late Freeman Williams. Children:

i. JABEZ<sup>3</sup>, b. July 31, 1800.

ii. EUNICE<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 22, 1802.

iii. LORANSOM<sup>3</sup>, b. Dec. 15, 1804.

iv. LORANCY<sup>3</sup>, b. Dec. 15, 1804; m. Jan. 26, 1834, Justin Chapin. She d. Aug. 16, 1882.

v. CHARLES<sup>3</sup>.

vi. ANNA<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 13, 1807; m. Dec. 23, 1830, Noble Phillips of Gfld.

vii. STEPHEN<sup>3</sup>, m. Sophronia, dau. of Geo. Alexander, 1835; went West.

viii. MARTIN<sup>3</sup>, b. Mch. 27, 1826; m. Phoebe Donelson of Colrain. He enlisted in the Navy, and visited many foreign ports of interest. Upon his return he lived for a time on his father's, the old Webster place, later on the present Hartwell place, and in 1881 purchased the Hosea Aldrich place on the Huckle Hill road, where he resided until his death, Aug. 1, 1901. Had: 1. Henry<sup>4</sup>, who resides in Boston. 2. Arland<sup>4</sup>, who m. Mary Alexander of Guilford, Vt.; resides in Greenfield.

ix. MARY<sup>3</sup>.

x. HENRY<sup>3</sup>, who went West.

JOHNSON, T. WEBSTER<sup>3</sup>, (Isaiah W., Jr.<sup>2</sup>, Webster<sup>1</sup>.) b. in Vernon, Vt., Mch. 18, 1852; m. Martha L. Cobb, who was b. in Windhall, Vt., Oct. 24, 1863. The most of Mr. Johnson's life has

been spent in Vernon, where he always enjoyed the utmost confidence of his fellow townsmen, as was evidenced by his election to most of the town offices—assessor, selectman and in 1898 he represented his town in the Legislature at Montpelier. Jan. 1, 1899, he removed to this place, purchasing his present home, the J. P. Day place on River street. Children, b. in Vernon :

- i. LILA BESSIE<sup>2</sup>, b. Oct. 25, 1883.
- ii. DORIS MATTIE<sup>2</sup>, b. Aug. 28, 1889.

KINGSLEY, Dea. ELIJAH, was the first of the name to settle in town, coming here when 21 years of age from Lebanon, Ct., and building on the north side of the Northfield road, east of the village, the last owner before being torn down being Philander Slate. He was m. at this time, and his wife performed the journey on horseback, having for a riding whip a locust switch, which was set out and developed into the large locust tree standing at the south-east corner of the old Kingsley house. In the old cemetery is a stone marked "Dea. Elijah Kingsley, d. Oct. 30, 1839, ae. 99 years." His wife Dorothy d. Nov. 23, 1824, ae. 87.

Dea. Kingsley served the town as selectman 1774, tithingman 1780, constable 1781. His military record is as follows: in the Gazette and Courier mention is made of his having served five years in the French and Indian Wars. He was at the battle of Bunker Hill; went out May 1, 1775, with the rank of third sergeant in Col. Whitcomb's Reg., Capt. Agrippa Wells' Co. For the years 1777-78-79, he served on the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety. Children:

- i. GAMALIEL<sup>2</sup>, b. Aug. 6, 1774; m. (1) June 24, 1795, Huldah<sup>2</sup>, dau. of Samuel<sup>1</sup> Hale. She was b. May 3, 1771; d. Dec. 13, 1802; m. (2) Jan. 2, 1803, Celinda Pickett of Greenfield. She was b. Jan. 4, 1783; d. Nov. 4, 1855. He d. July 9, 1855. Had: 1. Amelia<sup>3</sup>, b. Mch. 27, 1795; m. Feb. 17, 1818, Alpha<sup>8</sup> Ryther; resided Dover, Vt.; d. Nov. 10, 1879. 2. Elijah<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 15, 1797; m. and res. at Ontwa, Mich. 3. Chester<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 24, 1799; d. By second wife: 4. Allen Robert<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 16, 1804;

m.; d. in Northfield. 5. Saxton Pickett<sup>3</sup>, b. Mch. 7, 1806; m.; d. Feb. 26, 1878, in Waldo, Fla. 6. Huldah Hale<sup>3</sup>, b. June 12, 1808; m. Feb. 7, 1843, Wm. Gates of Michigan. 7. Lutiann C.<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 18, 1811; m. Sept. 13, 1841, Philander M. Slate. 8. Clesson G.<sup>3</sup>, b. Nov. 11, 1813; d. Nov. 15, 1856, unm. 9. Henry A.<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 17, 1818; d. Aug. 12, 1819. 10. Sabrina<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 17, 1820; m. Apr. 30, 1839, J. Parsons. 11. Roxana M.<sup>3</sup>, b. July 3, 1822; m. Oct. 2, 1842, Samuel H.<sup>8</sup> Atherton; d. August 18, 1845. 12. Henry Almond<sup>3</sup>, b. Jan. 23, 1826; d. October 23, 1826.

ii. DARIUS<sup>2</sup>.

iii. DAVID<sup>2</sup>.

iv. NATHAN<sup>2</sup>.

v. HANNAH<sup>2</sup>, (probably) who m. Apr. 9, 1794, James Harkins of Colrain.

LARKIN, WILLIAM, was hogreave 1778. Feb. 9, 1790, he was warned from town, and at that time was recorded as being a "transient person."

LEE, JOHN, scribe and accountant; m. Sept. 15, 1736, Elizabeth<sup>3</sup>, dau. of Samuel Connable. She was b. in Boston, Apr. 24, 1714. They were living in Fall Town or Deerfield in 1746. She became a widow and at the time of the Revolution was taken from Boston by her brother Samuel to his home in Fall Town, where she resided until her death, and was buried in the old cemetery. Had :

i. MARY LEE<sup>2</sup>, b. Apr. 14, 1740; m. May 25, 1763, Aaron Cabot of Boston.

LOOMIS, DANIEL, b. 1737; probably from Lebanon, Ct.; m. Eunice ——. She d. Jan. 28, 1816, ae. 82 years. He was tithingman 1774, 1776, constable and collector 1777, surveyor of highways 1777, 8, 9, 80, 81, 82, selectman 1781. The town farm is the site of the Loomis place. He d. July 1, 1819, aged 82 years.

LYON JOHN, formerly of Greenfield, m. Patience ——. She d.

Jan. 16, 1850, ae. 52. He d. Sept. 19, 1839, ae. 58. He resided on the old Leyden road in the north-west part of the town. Children :

- i. FREEMAN<sup>2</sup>, b. July 15, 1825; d. Dec. 20, 1852, unm.
- ii. PRUDENCE<sup>2</sup>, b. June 20, 1826; m. Smith S. Bellows; res. on the old farm many years. Had: 1. Martha<sup>3</sup>. 2. Luella<sup>3</sup>. 3. Louise<sup>3</sup>.
- iii. LOUISA<sup>2</sup>, b. March 28, 1828; d. Feb. 15, 1852, unm.
- iv. JANE<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 9, 1831; d. June 4, 1861, unm.
- v. MARIETTA<sup>2</sup>, b. Nov. 30, 1833; d. in Eden, Ga., Apr. 27, 1857, unm.
- vi. BETSEY<sup>2</sup>, b. Nov. 21, 1836; d. Jan. 24, 1855.
- vii. JOHN LYMAN<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 9, 1839; d. Aug. 26, 1841.

MC CLOUD, LEWIS, of Rowe, b. Mch. 22, 1805; m. Minerva T.<sup>1</sup> Slate, dau. of Dea. Timothy<sup>3</sup>, Feb. 24, 1829; resided in Bern. from 1833 to 1838, then removed to Amherst, where he d. Dec. 10, 1884, ae. 79. She d. Jan. 15, 1892, ae. 82. Children :

- i. MILTON L.<sup>2</sup>, b. Mch. 26, 1831; m. Mary J. Smith of No. Amherst; three children.
- ii. URI BROOKS<sup>2</sup>, b. Dec. 16, 1834; m. Sarah J. Graves of North Amherst; four children; resides Charlemont.
- iii. J. LEROY<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 2, 1837; m. Mary Carter of No. Hadley; one child; res. Northampton.
- iv. HENRY MARTYN<sup>2</sup>, b. in Amherst, Sept. 22, 1838; m. Sarah A. Carpenter, dau. of Dr. E. W. Carpenter of Bern.; veteran of the Civil War; editor and printer, now insurance agent; res Amherst; one son, Albert Carpenter, in business with his father.

MARTINDALE, EDWARD C., son of Cyrus W. of Gill, b. Nov. 1, 1858; m. (1) Oct. 23, 1882, Eliza J., dau. of Wm. Sandin of Bern. She d. Jan. 23, 1884. He m. (2) Mary, her sister, Jan., 1890. (Both wives b. in Fitchburg). Mr. Martindale settled in East Bern., on the farm formerly owned by his father-in-law, Mr. Sandin. He is now, and has been several years, one of the board of selectmen and assessors. Children :

- i. LAWRENCE S.<sup>2</sup>, b. Jan. 15, 1884.
- ii. FANNIE MAY<sup>2</sup>, b. Sept. 2, 1892.



MARSH, EDWIN J., of Brattleboro, Vt., came to Bern. about 1870, purchasing the old Samuel Green place on the south side of the Northfield road. He m. (1) Eliza C., dau. of Emory Miller, who also came from Brattleboro, and resided on the Northfield road on the place now owned by Mr. Dole, where he d. July 25, 1889. Mrs. Marsh d., and he m. (2) Widow Taintor, and removed to Keene, N. H. Had one child :

- i. FRANK J.<sup>2</sup>, b. Mch. 16, 1859; m. Jan. 12, 1880, Josephine A., dau. of Edward K. and Louise (Chapin) Smith. He resided and carried on the farm of his father's several years, but now lives in Greenfield. Has one dau., Edith.

MILLIS, a Hessian, serving under Burgoyne, who came to Bern., residing around the Mountain, a relative of the Euda family with whom he resided afterwards on South street, the place now owned by Mrs. Franklin.

MOORE, ENOCH<sup>3</sup>, (Jonas<sup>2</sup>, Ephraim<sup>1</sup>), b. Dec. 1, 1797, came here from Rutland, Mass., about 1840. He m. Almira ———, who was b. Sept. 17, 1800. He m. (2) Mch. 2, 1865, Diana L. Dole of Greenfield. He was for many years a blacksmith, having his shop on River street, north of the railroad bridge. He d. Aug. 20, 1883. Children :

- i. SAMUEL WILLIAMS<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 9, 1823; m.; resides in Amherst, Mass.
- ii. EVELINA ALMIRA<sup>4</sup>, b. Sept. 30, 1826; m. 1845, Joel Gaines<sup>4</sup> Green; res. Minn. She d. ———.
- iii. SUSAN MARIA<sup>4</sup>, b. May 9, 1830; m. L. B. Wright; d. Dec. 3, 1885.
- iv. MARY CATHERINE<sup>4</sup>, b. Apr. 1, 1832; m. Henry C. Denham, who was for several years proprietor of the New England House. He d. in Greenfield. Had: 1. Anna May<sup>5</sup>, who m. George C. Lunt; has one child.
- v. JOSIAH M.<sup>4</sup>, b. Apr. 2, 1834; d. Oct. 9, 1863.
- vi. ORRAMEL<sup>4</sup>, b. July 5, 1836; res. Greenfield; carriage manufacturer.
- vii. EMILY AUGUSTA<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 20, 1840; m. Sept. 3, 1865, Chas. W. Davis of Chesterfield, N. H.
- viii. ORIANNA<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 11, 1843; m. Mch. 7, 1867, Jonathan<sup>7</sup> Allen; d. Dec. 4, 1873.

NELSON, JOHN, was of Brimfield; moved in 1774 to Whitingham, Vt.; m. Mary Webber. Children:

- i. JOHN, JR.<sup>2</sup>.
- ii. ABIGAIL<sup>2</sup>, m. Joel Green.
- iii. ANDREW<sup>2</sup>.
- iv. BENJAMIN<sup>2</sup>, m. and resided in Colrain.
- v. WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>.
- vi. GEORGE<sup>2</sup>, b. May 13, 1762.
- 2. vii. EDWARD<sup>2</sup>, b. in Brimfield, Feb. 22, 1765.
- viii. BETSEY<sup>2</sup>.
- ix. MOLLY<sup>2</sup>.

2. NELSON, EDWARD<sup>2</sup>, (John<sup>1</sup>.) b. in Brimfield, Feb. 22, 1765. In 1781 he took up his residence in Colrain; ten years later he went to Leyden, and when 26 years old, m. Hannah Ranger of Colrain. He lived in Leyden until 1857, then removed with his son to Bern. He d. Dec. 10, 1862 or 3. His wife d. July 7, 1841. He was a soldier under the leadership of Daniel Shay, and was at the attack of the armory at Springfield. He celebrated his 96th birthday by riding to Greenfield in a railroad car for the first time. Children:

- i. HANNAH<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 17, 1791; d. in Leyden in 1846, unm.
- ii. MATILDA<sup>3</sup>, b. Dec. 5, 1793; m. (1) Benjamin Buttock of Leyden; (2) Otis Hastings of Greenfield.
- iii. SALLY<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 25, 1797; m. Jacob Crossman; d. 1829, in Montpelier, Vt.
- iv. LOVINA<sup>3</sup>, b. June 28, 1799; m. Ruel Bullard of Rowe.
- 3. v. JOHN<sup>3</sup>, b. June 17, 1802.
- vi. LUCINDA<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 22, 1804; d. unm. 1829.
- vii. ABIGAIL<sup>3</sup>, b. Dec. 27, 1806; m. Dec. 11, 1828, Increase Sumner<sup>3</sup> Hale; d. Nov. 21, 1900, in Greenfield.
- viii. MARY<sup>3</sup>, b. June 8, 1809; d. unm. in Leyden.
- ix. ALMEDA<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept. 8, 1812; m. Rufus<sup>6</sup> Frizzel of Leyden; died Feb. 5, 1901.
- x. MINA ELVIRA<sup>3</sup>, b. Jan. 27, 1816; m. Chester Severance in 1862.

3. NELSON, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, (Edward<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>.) b. June 17, 1802; m. Dec. 27, 1828, Harriet<sup>4</sup>, dau. of Consider<sup>7</sup> Cushman of Gill. She was b. July 30, 1807; d. Oct. 5, 1862; m. (2) July 16, 1863, Mrs.

Sally Peck of Charlemont. She d. Feb. 7, 1880. He died June 15, 1882. He resided on the Bald Mountain road, on the farm now owned by his son, Moses R. This place has been owned by Col. Chapin, Daniel Wright, Alonzo Parmenter, Seba Green, Sheldon Wright. Children :

- i. WILLIAM SYLVESTER<sup>4</sup>, b. June 25, 1829; member of Co. L, 2nd Reg., Ohio Vol.; was twice m.; d. Aug. 6, 1888, in Bern.; res. on the Bald Mountain road.
- ii. HARRIET LOUISA<sup>4</sup>, b. May 2, 1831; m. Robert Cone of Colrain, Apr. 22, 1852; d. Nov. 29, 1868.
- iii. HANNAH JANETTE<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 26, 1833; m. Curtis Chapin, August 25, 1857.
- iv. LAURA MATILDA<sup>4</sup>, born Aug. 6, 1836; m. Joseph M. Cheney, Apr. 17, 1856.
- v. EUNICE SAREPTA<sup>4</sup>, b. May 16, 1839; m. James Streeter, Jr., of Rowe, Jan. 30, 1861.
- vi. MOSES R.<sup>4</sup>, b. June 30, 1841; m. Sept. 19, 1865, Georgianna<sup>7</sup>, dau. of Dea. David<sup>6</sup> Streeter of Bern. They reside in the Bald Mountain district. Mr. Nelson has a large farm, having added to the original by several purchases. He is an active member of the M. E. church. Had: 1. Cola Richard<sup>5</sup>, b. July 20, 1867; m. May 21, 1890, Grace<sup>4</sup>, dau. Reuben<sup>3</sup> Park; resides Sawyers Mills, Northfield. 2. Arthur Henry<sup>5</sup>, b. July 28, 1872; m. August 17, 1899, Nellie May Parmenter. 3. Luman Ranger<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 26, 1874; m. Bertha, dau. James Streeter; res. Winchester, N. H. 4. Leon Frank<sup>5</sup>, b. Mch. 17, 1876. 5. Walter Lee<sup>5</sup>, b. Apr. 14, 1884.
- vii. ROSANNA ELVIRA<sup>4</sup>, b. May 8, 1843; m. Willard D. Nelson of Colrain, Sept. 29, 1873; d. Jan. 1, 1876.

NEWCOMB, HEZEKIAH<sup>4</sup>, (Simon<sup>3</sup>, Andrew<sup>2</sup>, Capt. Andrew<sup>1</sup>, who was at Boston in 1663,) b. in Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Mass., in 1693-4. Although not himself a settler in Bernardston, he was the father of two of the earlier residents. From old deeds it appears that June 27, 1737, he bought land in Fall Town of William Clark, both being then residents of Lebanon, Ct., for the sum of \$20, thus becoming a Proprietor. The land originally belonged to Clark's father. He subse-

quently added to this purchase until he became possessed of no inconsiderable amount of real estate. Among the land thus acquired, and by drawing lots with other Proprietors, were lots numbered 49, 56, 98, and 18 in the first division. Children ;

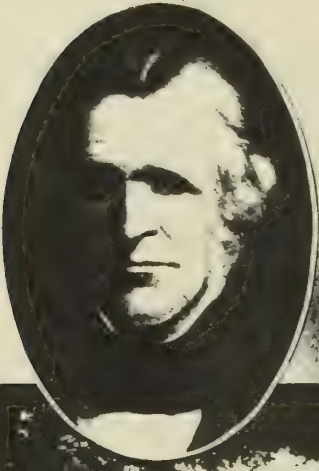
- i. SILAS<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 2, 1717; m. Submit, dau. James Pineo. He came to Fall Town (now Leyden) in the spring of 1741. In 1742 he bought of his father Lot No. 10, 1st division. He remained until the depredations of the Indians in 1744 forced him to return to his Connecticut home. In the division of his estate his lands in Fall Town went to his eldest son, Daniel, who was b. there. Of his 12 children only one is here given: Daniel<sup>6</sup> Lieut., b. Nov. 18, 1741, in that part of Fall Town now Leyden. In the settlement of his father's estate, he, as eldest son, received a "double portion." When 21 or 22 years of age he settled here. He served as warden 1769, 1783, constable and collector 1775, Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety 1776, 1777, surveyor of highways 1777. He m. Irene Field; d. in Leyden, Sept. 9, 1794, and was buried in the Beaver Meadow cemetery. Of his ten children, all having the name of Newcomb found for themselves homes in the neighboring states of Vermont and New York.
2. ii. PETER<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 28, 1718.
  - iii. ANNE<sup>5</sup>, b. Mch. 4, 1720; m. ——— Smith; both dead in 1770.
  - iv. HEZEKIAH<sup>5</sup>, b. Dec. 27, 1722; doubtless d. young.
  - v. THOMAS<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 3, 1724; m. Ann Hibbard.
  - vi. JERUSHA<sup>5</sup>, b. Mch. 24, 1726; m. Ezra Cleveland.
  - vii. ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup>, b. Dec. 19, 1727; m. John Barstow.
  - viii. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 2, 1729; d. Sept. 9, 1748.
  - ix. JEMIMA<sup>5</sup>, b. Dec. 14, 1730; was twice m.
  - x. JAMES<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 7, 1732-3; m. Mrs. Submit Davis.
2. NEWCOMB, PETER<sup>5</sup>, (Hezekiah<sup>4</sup>, Simon<sup>3</sup>, Andrew<sup>2</sup>, Capt. Andrew<sup>1</sup>.) b. Nov. 28, 1718; m. Hannah, dau. Richard English. Moved to town in 1740. Dec. 25, 1742, he bought Lot No. 99, 1st division; Meadow Lot No. 58, 2nd division; Lot No. 18, 1st division; No. 98, in the 2nd division, the one upon which

his father agreed by bond to settle on in 1739. Because of the Indian troubles in 1744, he returned to his former home in Lebanon, Ct., where he died. He willed his property in Fall Town to his son William. Children :

- i. PHŒBE<sup>6</sup>, b. in Fall Town Sept. 15, 1741; m. Nov. 15, 1759, Capt. Nathaniel Cushman; resided and d. Stafford, Ct.
  3. ii. HEZEKIAH<sup>6</sup>, b. May 6, 1747.
  - iii. SAMUEL<sup>6</sup>, b. Oct. 23, 1749; m. Mary Crandall; d. in Somers, Ct.
  4. iv. WILLIAM<sup>6</sup>, b. Mch. 19, 1752, in Columbia, Ct.
  - v. JEMIMA<sup>6</sup>, b. Oct. 24, 1756; m. Capt. Gideon Clark; d. Columbia, Connecticut.
  - vi. JOSEPH<sup>6</sup>, b. May 3, 1762; m. Elizabeth Martin; d. in Columbia, Ct.
3. NEWCOMB, HEZEKIAH<sup>6</sup>, (Peter<sup>6</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>4</sup>, Simon<sup>3</sup>, Andrew<sup>2</sup>, Capt. Andrew<sup>1</sup>), b. May 6, 1747, in Columbia, Ct.; m. Sept. 15, 1768, Lydia<sup>6</sup>, dau. Thomas<sup>5</sup> and Mary (Smith) Hunt. She was b. in Norwich, Ct., Jan. 20, 1750; d. Mch. 19, 1834. He came to Bernardston between 1770 and 1773, probably settling on the farm situated upon the north side of the Leyden road to Frizzell Hill. This farm was a little west of and adjoining the farm owned by his brother William, since owned by William Hart Newcomb. He was an early settler, "an active and zealous supporter of the literary, religious and political institutions of our country." He was surveyor of highways 1774-81, 82, 86, Committee of Correspondence 1775, tithingman 1775, warden 1776, selectman and assessor four years, town treasurer two years, justice of the peace many years, representative to the General Court three years. December 3, 1776, he, with Caleb Chapin, Elijah Kingsley, Daniel Slate and Ezekiel Foster was chosen a committee to plan "ye pews in ye Meeting House according to Greenfield Meeting House also to seet said house & order where people maye erect pews," etc. June, 1776, he was employed by the town to hire three men for nine months to serve in the Continental Army, the men to be hired by money paid by fines. He d. Jan. 25, 1821, his residence then being the place owned by the late Almon Newcomb, whither he had removed a few years previously. Children :







DARIUS NEWCOMB.

THE NEWCOMB HOMESTEAD.

ALMON NEWCOMB.

5. i. HEZEKIAH<sup>7</sup>, b. June 12, 1769.
- ii. RICHARD ENGLISH<sup>7</sup>, b. Oct. 31, 1770; was thrice married and had seven children; resided in Greenfield; graduated Dartmouth College 1793; studied law with William Coleman, Esq., of Greenfield; admitted to the bar 1796; representative from Greenfield 1807; col. militia 1807-1813; appointed Judge of Probate 1821, and held the office until his death, in all 28 years. While Judge of Probate he held the office of State attorney four years. He d. May 14, 1849.
- iii. LYDIA<sup>7</sup>, b. Sept. 24, 1772; m. Sept. 24, 1801, Cotton Graves of Sunderland; d. Oct. 22, 1837.
- iv. SARAH<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 8, 1774; m. Hon. Samuel C. Allen; resided Northfield. She d. Jan. 22, 1797.
6. v. WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, b. June 18, 1776.
- vi. MARY<sup>7</sup>, b. May 5, 1778; was a teacher; d. May 1, 1843, unm.
- vii. JEMIMA HARRIET<sup>7</sup>, b. Jan. 10, 1780; m. Sept. 19, 1802, David Carpenter of Leyden; d. Sept. 1, 1828.
- viii. PETER<sup>7</sup>, b. Oct. 3, 1781; m. May 15, 1803, Abigail<sup>2</sup>, dau. Elias Parmenter. She was b. Apr. 25, 1782; d. Mch. 28, 1813; m. (2) in 1814, Tirzah Smead; (3) May 28, 1816, Sarah<sup>7</sup>, dau. of Capt. Artemas<sup>6</sup> Cushman. She was b. Sept. 4, 1788; d. at Colchester, Vt., Oct. 12, 1870. He settled at South Hero, Vt., where he d. Feb. 25, 1853. Had five children.
- ix. DALTON<sup>7</sup>, b. Dec. 26, 1783; m. Nov. 5, 1808, Harriet, dau. of Obed Wells of Greenfield. She was b. Jan. 4, 1788; d. Jan. 5, 1834; m. (2) May 1, 1834, Caroline Wells, a sister of his first wife. She d. Feb. 23, 1858. He d. Aug. 20, 1861. He resided on and owned the place since owned by his son, the late Almon Newcomb. He was one of the prosperous, substantial farmers of the town. Had: 1. Horatio Dalton<sup>8</sup>, b. Aug. 10, 1809, a wholesale grocer residing at Louisville, Ky.; was twice m. 2. Elnora Caroline<sup>8</sup>, b. Nov. 12, 1810; m. Oct. 25, 1832, Arad Burnett of Guilford, Vt. She d. in Springfield in 1872. 3. Hezekiah Hunt<sup>8</sup>, b. Sept. 22, 1812; m. and resided in Louisville, Ky., where he d. in 1851. 4. Warren<sup>8</sup>, b. Oct. 15, 1814; (twin) m. resided in Louisville, Ky., but d. in New York City, Aug. 28, 1866. 5. Wesson<sup>8</sup>, b. Oct. 15, 1814; (twin) m. and settled in Vermont. 6. Catherine<sup>8</sup>, b. Oct. 13, 1816; m. Gilbert Tuell; resided Iowa; d. Oct. 6, 1852. 7. Mary Harriet<sup>8</sup>, b. Sept. 20, 1818; resided Louisville, Ky.; d. unm. 8. Dwight<sup>8</sup>, b. Dec. 1,

1820; resided in Ind.; unm.; d. ———. 9. Edwin<sup>8</sup>, b. Nov. 10, 1822; d. at Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 22, 1850, unm. 10. Francis<sup>8</sup>, b. May 17, 1825; d. in Louisville, Ky. 11. Wells<sup>8</sup>, born Sept. 21, 1826; d. May 7, 1855; unm.; resided in San Francisco, Cal.; was for several years engaged in teaching. 12. Almon<sup>8</sup>, b. Nov. 28, 1829; m. Oct. 12, 1852, Mary<sup>4</sup>, dau. Loren and Rachael Hale of Gill. She was b. Dec. 14, 1830. Mr. Newcomb was a member of the Legislature in 1864-5, selectman 1867 to 1873 inclusive. As indicated by his election to these offices, he was a leading and influential public-spirited man, and a generous supporter of the Unitarian church, and every worthy public enterprise. He d. at his home May 29, 1885. Mrs. Newcomb resides in Greenfield.

- x. HORATIO GATES<sup>7</sup>, b. Sept. 27, 1785; m. twice; d. Sept. 18, 1857, in Greenfield.
- xi. SOPHRONIA<sup>7</sup>, b. Jan. 10, 1788; m. Feb. 15, 1815, Rufus Graves; d. in New York State, Aug. 23, 1838.
- xii. CHARLES JARVIS<sup>7</sup>, b. Apr. 29, 1790; m. Aug. 19, 1817, Philena<sup>5</sup>, dau. of Elihu<sup>4</sup> Scott. He went to Trenton, Wis., where he d. Nov. 3, 1857; was orderly sergeant of war of 1812.
- xiii. ZEBINA CURTIS<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 25, 1791.

- 4. NEWCOMB, WILLIAM<sup>6</sup>, (Peter<sup>5</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>4</sup>, Simon<sup>3</sup>, Andrew<sup>2</sup>, Capt. Andrew<sup>1</sup>), b. in Columbia, Ct., Mch. 19, 1752. By will he received all the real estate belonging to his father in Fall Town, whither he soon removed, living upon his farm there until his death, Dec. 29, 1822, in all 43 years. He m. in 1779, Elizabeth<sup>4</sup>, dau. Samuel<sup>3</sup> and Mary English Connable. She was b. about 1757, and d. Nov. 14, 1821. Mr. Newcomb served nine months in the Revolutionary War, chiefly in New Jersey and Pennsylvania; was with the army in Penn. when it waded the Schuylkill several times during a wintry night. He was in Capt. William Richard's Co., 1st Reg., "Connecticut Line"; enlisted Ap. 28, 1777; took the field the same spring at Peekskill, N. Y.; joined Washington's army in Pennsylvania in September; was in the battle of Germantown, Oct. 4; went into winter quarters at Valley Forge December 19, and was discharged at the expiration of his term, Jan. 12, 1778, and he immediately took up his residence in

Bern. The house he built in 1779 is still standing on the south side of the Newcomb road about four miles from the village. Children :

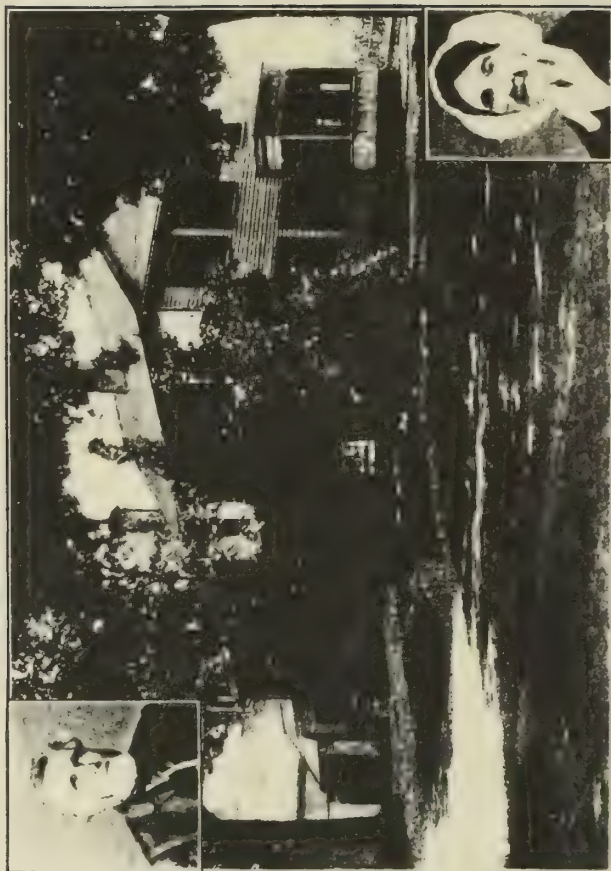
- i. ASHAHEL<sup>7</sup>, b. Dec. 27, 1780; m. Nov. 29, 1804, Lucinda, dau. Samuel Sykes, b. in Suffield, Ct., June 16, 1782. They removed to Whitestown, N. Y.
  - ii. SOLOMON<sup>7</sup>, b. Apr. 3, 1783; owned a shop and water power a few rods east of his father's house. He was a cabinet and chair maker; d. Dec. 8, 1845; unm.
  - iii. ELIZABETH<sup>7</sup>, b. Oct. 19, 1784; m. Mch. 12, 1810, John Willis; removed West.
  - iv. ENGLISH<sup>7</sup>, b. June 26, 1787; m. Nov. 18, 1816, Eunice Weld of Guilford, Vt.; d. Oct. 12, 1853. She d. Feb. 12, 1862. They resided on Huckle Hill near the Vermont line. Had: 1. Calvin Weld<sup>8</sup>, b. Feb. 7, 1818; m. Oct. 11, 1842, Dorcas, dau. of Jacob B. Tice; settled in Mattawan, N. J. 2. Eunice Fidelia<sup>8</sup>, b. Mch. 26, 1820; m. Sereno F. Thomas; settled in Vernon, Vt. 3. Isaac Leander<sup>8</sup>, b. June 24, 1822; d. Oct. 14, 1844. 4. William Bradley<sup>8</sup>, b. Feb. 11, 1824; d. June 6, 1824. 5. Eleanor E.<sup>8</sup>, b. July 15, 1825; m. John W. Tice; res. So. Amboy, N. J. 6. Samuel Rogers<sup>8</sup>, b. Dec. 7, 1827; m. Mary J. Thomas; removed in 1861 to Hinsdale, N. H. 7. Luther English<sup>8</sup>, born July 1, 1830; m. Henrietta Tice; d. Apr. 29, 1855. 8. Sarah Ann<sup>8</sup>, b. May 13, 1832; m. Andrew Jackson Thomas; d. in Brattleboro, Feb. 3, 1858.
  - v. ORSON<sup>7</sup>, b. June 9, 1789; m. Sept. 14, 1814, Sylvia, dau. of Samuel and Susanna Frizzle Connable. They settled in Bridgewater, New York.
  - vi. WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 11, 1791; twice m.; resided New York State.
  - vii. SAMUEL<sup>7</sup>, b. Jan. 8, 1794; m. and settled in Illinois.
  8. viii. HART<sup>7</sup>, b. Nov. 10, 1795.
  - ix. OBADIAH<sup>7</sup>, b. Mch. 10, 1798; m. and rem. to Illinois.
  - x. SALLY<sup>7</sup>, b. Oct. 31, 1800; d. Aug. 31, 1802.
5. NEWCOMB, HEZEKIAH<sup>1</sup>, (Hezekiah<sup>6</sup>, Peter<sup>6</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>4</sup>, Simon<sup>3</sup>, Andrew<sup>2</sup>, Capt. Andrew<sup>1</sup>,) b. June 12, 1769, in Lebanon, Ct.; came to Bernardston when three years of age. He m. December 22, 1789, Ruth<sup>8</sup>, dau. of Capt. Elisha<sup>8</sup> Burnham. She was b. Dec. 5, 1766; d. Apr. 9, 1846. He settled in the dis-



trict of Leyden ; was justice of the peace over 30 years, and representative over 20. He was a farmer and "a man of strong intellectual power." He d. Aug. 19, 1844. Children:

- i. MALTILDA<sup>8</sup>, b. May 10, 1790; m. Mch. 6, 1810, Elijah Fuller; resided in Iowa, where she d. May 11, 1862.
  - ii. HEZEKIAH<sup>8</sup>, b. Feb. 27, 1792; m. May 26, 1816, Nancy Rounds; d. in Courtland, N. Y.
  - iii. COOLEY<sup>8</sup>, b. Nov. 13, 1793; m. May 30, 1816, Lectania Bullock.
  - iv. ROSALINDA<sup>8</sup>, b. May 22, 1796; m. May 20, 1816, Daniel P. Rounds; resided in Truxton, N. Y.
  - v. THEODORE<sup>8</sup>, b. Mch. 10, 1798; m. Oct. 8, 1821, Mary Carmen; settled in Iowa.
  - vi. SARAH<sup>8</sup>, b. June 24, 1800; m. Jan. 1, 1826, Origin Hill; resided Illinois.
  - vii. JOHN ADAMS<sup>8</sup>, b. Sept. 8, 1802; m. Jan. 17, 1828, Louisa M. Rounds; settled in Truxton, N. Y.
  - viii. MARIA RUTH<sup>8</sup>, b. Jan. 6, 1805; m. Mch. 16, 1826, Almond Clark. She d. at Dansville, N. Y.
  9. ix. THOMAS JEFFERSON<sup>8</sup>, b. Jan. 16, 1807.
  - x. JAMES MADISON<sup>8</sup>, b. Mch. 7, 1809; d. Feb. 12, 1812.
  - xi. SOPHRONIA<sup>8</sup>, b. Nov. 23, 1811; d. Oct. 7, 1838, unm.
6. NEWCOMB, WILLIAM<sup>1</sup>, (Hezekiah<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>2</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>2</sup>, Simon<sup>2</sup>, Andrew<sup>2</sup>, Capt. Andrew<sup>1</sup>,) b. June 18, 1776; m. Mary<sup>2</sup>, dau. Ezra<sup>4</sup> Purple, May 16, 1799. She was b. Aug. 25, 1778. He d. suddenly Aug. 28, 1823. His wife, awakening in the night, found him dead beside her. She d. May 31, 1855, aged 77. Resided on the Newcomb road. Children:
- i. GEORGE WASHINGTON<sup>8</sup>, b. Feb. 22, 1800; m. Jan. 1, 1824, Martha Almira<sup>3</sup>, dau. of Amos<sup>2</sup> Burrows; res. Bolton, Mass.
  - ii. PHŒBE MARIA<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 28, 1802; m. Apr. 17, 1825, David Newcomb Carpenter of Leyden. Their son, C. C. Carpenter, is in the United States Navy.
  - iii. ALEXANDER HAMILTON<sup>8</sup>, b. July 8, 1804; m. Nov. 1, 1825, Maria<sup>2</sup>, dau. John Hamilton. He d. Aug. 28, 1854, in Leyden.
  - iv. CHARLES WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, b. Nov. 30, 1806; was twice m.; settled in Leyden.
  - v. MARY JULIA<sup>8</sup>, b. Sept. 4, 1808; m. Oct. 10, 1832, Horace Potter of Leyden.





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NEWCOMB HOMESTEAD,  
Now owned by O. W. GRAY.

MRS. LYDIA GOODALE

10. vi. EZRA PURPLE<sup>8</sup>, b. July 3, 1812.
  - vii. CHARLOTTE NANCY<sup>8</sup>, b. Feb. 1, 1815; m. Oct. 17, 1837, George W. Severance; resided Big Rock, Ill.
  - viii. HARRIET JEMIMA<sup>8</sup>, b. Aug. 7, 1818; m. Dec. 5, 1839, Ebenezer Hinsdale; resided in Illinois.
7. NEWCOMB, ZEBINA CURTIS<sup>7</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>6</sup>, Peter<sup>5</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>4</sup>, Simon<sup>3</sup>, Andrew<sup>2</sup>, Andrew<sup>1</sup>,) b. Aug. 25, 1791; m. Feb. 27, 1811, Maria Lydia<sup>6</sup>, dau. of Hon. Job<sup>5</sup> and Lydia (Foote) Goodale. She was b. Dec. 22, 1796; d. Sept. 28, 1853. He m. (2) Mch. 2, 1859, Mrs. Sarah (Lawrence) widow of Rev. Eber L. Clark. Mr. Newcomb was one of the representative men of the place, holding the office of town treasurer in 1823 and 1824, town clerk 1824, selectman and assessor the same year. In 1836 he was appointed justice of the peace, which office he ever afterward held. For 44 years he was an officer in the Congregational church, and for nearly fifty years was engaged in mercantile business in town, his store, sawmill, house and large tract of land being located on or near Fall River. He d. June 13, 1868. The later years of his life his home was the present O. W. Gray place. Children, by first wife :
- i. HENRY GOODALE<sup>8</sup>, b. Jan. 17, 1818; d. Oct. 8, 1843.
  - ii. MARTHA LAURENS<sup>8</sup>, b. June 9, 1820; res. in Oakland, Cal., unm.
  - iii. JANE N.<sup>8</sup>, b. July 15, 1822; m. Nov. 25, 1853, Theodore L. Wright; d. Oct. 9, 1866, in Beloit, Wis. A son, Theodore L. Wright, is professor of Greek in Beloit College.
  - iv. SUSAN<sup>8</sup>, b. May 31, 1824; d. Feb. 25, 1848, unm.
  - v. ELIZABETH<sup>8</sup>, b. Aug. 15, 1826; d. Nov. 9, 1827.
  - vi. JOHN CURTIS<sup>8</sup>, b. Sept. 28, 1828; m. Nov. 10, 1859, Mary Douglass, dau. of Wm. D., and Mary L. Reynolds, b. New York City, Feb. 6, 1838; rem. June, 1853, to Beloit, Wis., where he was for several years of the firm of Wright & Newcomb, paper manufacturers, with salesrooms at Chicago. They were burned out in the great Chicago fire in 1871, and he with his brother, R. F., went to Quincy, Ill., and bought a paper mill, and started it up under the firm name of Newcomb Brothers, still retaining his interest in the Beloit mills. He is now engaged in the man-

- ufacture of picture frames in Chicago, Ill. Had: 1. William Douglas<sup>9</sup>, b. Jan. 21, 1861. 2. Mary Douglas<sup>9</sup>, b. May 20, 1870.
- vii. ELIZABETH MARIA<sup>8</sup>, b. Oct. 13, 1831; teacher; res. Beloit, Wis., and Quincy, Ill.; unm.; d. in Jan. 12, 1890.
- viii. EDWARD<sup>8</sup>, b. Nov. 22, 1834; d. Oct. 30, 1838.
- ix. RICHARD FOOTE<sup>8</sup>, b. Sept. 20, 1837. He fitted for college at Wiliston Seminary, but his taste for commercial affairs induced him to accept a position as salesman in a hardware house in Boston at the age of sixteen, where he remained a few years, when he returned to Bernardston to conduct his father's mercantile business. At the formation of the 52nd Reg., M. V. M., he enlisted as sergeant in Co. A, his service being with Banks' expedition. For some months he served on the brigade staff, having charge of the ordinance supplies, and later of the entire medical stores. Upon leaving the service, he was for some time associated with his father under the firm name of Z. C. Newcomb & Son. In 1866 he removed to Beloit, Wis., where he engaged in the paper making business with a wholesale house in Chicago. The company was burned out in the great Chicago fire of 1871, and soon after, he with his brother bought a paper mill at Quincy, Ill., and started it up under the firm name of Newcomb Brothers. In 1889 his mill was absorbed by the American Straw Board Company, with Mr. Newcomb as its president. Mr. Newcomb, as well as his brother, merit the great success which has attended their business career. Mr. Newcomb resides in Quincy, but much of his time is spent at their salesroom in Chicago. He m. May 2, 1860, Eliz A. Bowman of Flushing, L. I.; b. Oct., 1833; d. Aug. 28, 1864; m. (2) Sept. 22, 1869, Annie M., dau. of Dr. Henry and Eliza Ritchie of Beloit, Wis., b. May 24, 1843. Had: 1. May Foote<sup>9</sup>, b. June 2, 1861; m. Joseph W. Emery of Quincy, Ill. 2. Eliz Maria<sup>9</sup>, b. Aug. 15, 1870; m. John A. Stillwell. 3. Sarah Ritchie<sup>9</sup>, b. May 10, 1873; m. Frank H. Whitney. 4. Florence<sup>9</sup>. 5. Richard Bernard<sup>9</sup>, is a student at Dartmouth College.
8. NEWCOMB, HART<sup>7</sup>, (William<sup>6</sup>, Peter<sup>5</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>4</sup>, Simon<sup>3</sup>, Andrew<sup>2</sup>, Andrew<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 10, 1795; m. (1) Apr. 18, 1821, Sophia Hannum of Belchertown. She d. Oct. 10, 1826; m. (2) Sarah Hannum, sister of his first wife, Apr. 17, 1827. She died





JOHN P. HARD, MARTHA AND LIZZIE NEWCOMB.



Apr. 3, 1842; m. (3) at Hinsdale, N. H., Sept. 4, 1842, Roxanna Tower. She d. July 5, 1868. He d. Jan. 1, 1863, having with the exception of one year always resided on the original Newcomb farm on the Newcomb road, North Bern. Children :

- i. ELIZABETH SOPHIA<sup>8</sup>, b. Aug. 22, 1822; d. Mch. 25, 1834.
- ii. ABIGAIL SARAH<sup>8</sup>, b. Jan. 27, 1825; m. Elbridge G. Hastings, Apr. 26, 1842; res. Illinois.
- iii. MARTHA ANN<sup>8</sup>, b. Oct. 1, 1826; m. Oct. 5, 1847, Rev. Roswell Corbett. She d. Mch. 3, 1860.
- iv. SOPHRONIA MARIA<sup>8</sup>, b. Dec. 16, 1827; m. Nov. 17, 1852, Warren J. Potter of Greenfield. Oct. 22, 1864, she went to sleep, and for several days after her jaws were set, taking only liquids; later took some light foods. She slept until Feb. 23, 1865, when she opened her eyes, and spoke for the first time in four months. Said she had heard the conversation in the room, although unable to speak. She soon relapsed into her former state, and so continued, sometimes awakening, until her death, Sept. 27, 1865.
- v. LOUISA LYDIA<sup>8</sup>, b. Dec. 17, 1829; d. Apr. 20, 1830.
- vi. LOUISA JULIA<sup>8</sup>, b. Feb. 2, 1832; unkm.
- vii. ARDELIA JANE<sup>8</sup>, b. Dec. 23, 1834; res. with her sister Abigail; unkm; has been a successful teacher.
- viii. WILLIAM HART<sup>8</sup>, b. June 7, 1837; m. November 26, 1867, Mary Wade, dau. of John C. and Sarah (Goodrich) Treadwell. She was b. in Lowell, Aug. 11, 1848. Mr. Newcomb owned and resided on the homestead of his great grandfather, Peter<sup>5</sup> Newcomb until his removal to Greenfield in 1893. He d. at the latter place Aug. 29, 1900. Had: 1. Mary Gertrude<sup>9</sup>, b. January 25, 1871; d. 1889. 2. Edwin Hubbard<sup>9</sup>, b. Oct. 5, 1873; res. in Greenfield. 3. Louise Ethel<sup>9</sup>, b. July 25, 1880; res. in Greenfield. 4. Mertine Irene<sup>9</sup>, b. Mch. 11, 1890; d. November 15, 1897.
- ix. MARY ELIZABETH<sup>8</sup>, b. Apr. 22, 1839; m. Oct. 15, 1862, James R. Miner of Leyden, where he d. and she took up her residence in Federal st., Greenfield.
- x. AMELIA THANKFUL<sup>8</sup>, b. Mch. 30, 1842; m. J. W. Pettigrew, 1883; res. Ludlow, Vt.

9. NEWCOMB, THOMAS JEFFERSON<sup>8</sup>, (Hezekiah<sup>7</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>6</sup>, Peter<sup>5</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>4</sup>, Simon<sup>3</sup>, Andrew<sup>2</sup>, Andrew<sup>1</sup>.) b. in Leyden, Jan. 16, 1807; m. (1) Nov. 27, 1832, Euphemia S. Grennell. She was b. Feb. 14, 1813; d. Sept. 8, 1834; m. (2) Mch. 8, 1835, Rebecca S., dau. David and Lydia (Roberts) Hitchcock. She was b. in New York, Feb. 22, 1814. Mr. Newcomb owned and resided upon the ancestral farm in Leyden until 1870, when he removed to Bernardston, residing on the "Green" until his death in Mch., 1886. Mrs. Newcomb d. in 1886 also. Mr. Newcomb was a devoted member of the M. E. church. Children, b. in Leyden:

- i. RUTH SURVIVOR<sup>9</sup>, b. Nov. 30, 1833; m. Oct., 1859, Amasa S. Cowles; resided Lansing, Mich. She d. Dec. 18, 1898.
- ii. SARAH ELIZA<sup>9</sup>, b. Feb. 23, 1836; m. Sept. 7, 1856, George H. Bixby, son of David and Lydia Bixby, b. in Haverhill, N. H., Mch. 12, 1827; settled in Bern.; resides on the place formerly owned by Samuel Green, and later by H. W. Hale. Has: 1. Eleanor Lydia<sup>10</sup>, b. Apr. 4, 1859; m. Hendrick A. Slate, June 15, 1887.
- iii. SON<sup>9</sup>, b. and d. Feb. 16, 1838.
- iv. LYDIA SOPHRONIA<sup>9</sup>, b. June 8, 1839; m. May 9, 1861, Joel Hudson Nash of Greenfield, who d. June 13, 1899; res. Bern. Mr. Nash had spent many of the earlier years of his life in travel, having been nine years in California, three in Australia, several times to the West Indies, also the Sandwich Islands. He served in the Civil War as a member of Co. I, 2nd Mass. Heavy Artillery.
- v. ROSALINDA MARIA<sup>9</sup>, b. July 27, 1841; d. Sept. 9, 1842.
- vi. ELLEN MARIA<sup>9</sup>, b. Sept. 27, 1843; d. Dec. 23, 1845.
- vii. DAUGHTER<sup>9</sup>, b. Nov. 12; d. Dec. 4, 1845.
- viii. ALMA ELLEN<sup>9</sup>, b. Nov. 27, 1847; d. June 23, 1870, unm.
- ix. THOMAS HEZEKIAH<sup>9</sup>, b. June 3, 1849; m. Oct. 14, 1873, Elsie B. Taylor. They reside in Shelton, Ct., where Mr. Newcomb is superintendent of the Derby Silver Co.
- x. EUGENE ADELBERT<sup>9</sup>, b. Nov. 17, 1851; m. May 10, 1873, Hannah, dau. of William Deakin of Greenfield. She was b. in Sheffield, England, Jan. 23, 1853. Mr. Newcomb resides in Greenfield, where he is a member of the firm of Sheldon & Newcomb, hardware dealers. He has been the treasurer of Franklin County

- the past 12 years; has been for many years a member of the boards of water commissioners and registration. A prominent, public-spirited man in all that pertains to the welfare of his town. Had: 1. William Jefferson<sup>10</sup>, b. Jan. 12, 1874; res. Shelton, Ct. 2. Edith Teresa<sup>10</sup>, b. Aug. 1, 1875; stenographer. 3. Eugene Robert<sup>10</sup>, b. Dec. 4, 1882. 4. Rebecca<sup>10</sup>, b. Oct. 24, 1892.
- xi. ELWYN DWIGHT<sup>9</sup>, b. Mch. 13, 1854; m. Belle, dau. of Hiram Smith of South Hadley Falls, where they reside; two daughters.
- xii. ESTELLA REBECCA<sup>9</sup>, b. Sept. 19, 1857; m. Edward Wells of North Bern. in 1883. She d. in 1885.

10. NEWCOMB, EZRA PURPLE<sup>8</sup>, (William<sup>7</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>6</sup>, Peter<sup>5</sup>, Hezekiah<sup>4</sup>, Simon<sup>3</sup>, Andrew<sup>2</sup>, Andrew<sup>1</sup>.) b. July 3, 1812; m. June, 1835, Mary<sup>2</sup>, dau. of John Hamilton, and widow of Van Ransselaar<sup>6</sup> Scott. She was b. Dec. 19, 1804; d. Apr. 12, 1888. For several years he resided in North Adams, and the children were there born. About 1856 he lived in East Bernardston, and about 1875 he built the place in the village now owned by Arnold Scott, where he died Apr. 4, 1891. By occupation a carpenter. Children:
- i. MARY EMELIA<sup>10</sup>, b. Apr. 6, 1836; d. Jan. 25, 1841.
- ii. RICHARD EZRA<sup>10</sup>, b. June 8, 1837; m. Lucy, dau. of Henry Picket, and resides in Greenfield.
- iii. HORATIO ALPHONZO<sup>10</sup>, b. Aug. 3, 1839; m. Mary J., dau. of Uriah T. Darling of Leyden; res. in Conn.
- iv. MARY ELIZA<sup>10</sup>, b. July 1, 1842; m. Sept. 14, 1869, Emil Weissbrod, successful wallet manufacturer of Montague, where he started in business, going from there to Bern., and finally settled in Greenfield, where he has now associated with him his three eldest sons. Had: 1. Carl<sup>11</sup>. 2. Willis<sup>11</sup>. 3. Luther<sup>11</sup>. 4. Bertha<sup>11</sup>. 5. Elsie<sup>11</sup>. 6. Fred<sup>11</sup>.

NEWCOMB, Capt. EDDY<sup>3</sup>, (John<sup>4</sup>, Simon<sup>3</sup>, Andrew<sup>2</sup>, Andrew<sup>1</sup>.) of Lebanon, Ct., b. Sept. 23, 1713; settled in Fall Town in 1741. He resided there about two years, then because of the Indian troubles, returned to Connecticut. Feb. 2, 1742, he bought some land here for 63 pounds, (56 acres). In 1760 he sold all his possessions here, and the same year removed to Nova Scotia.



NEWELL, ZIBA, m. Margaret ——— of New York State; came from Greenfield to Bern., residing on South street, where they died. Children:

- i. DAVID<sup>2</sup>, m. in New York State; res. for a time in Bern. Had:
  1. Everett<sup>3</sup>, who was adopted by Obadiah Dickinson; also several other children. He was a member of the 33d Reg., Mass. Volunteers.
- ii. BERNARD<sup>2</sup>, who was killed at the battle of Malvern Hill July 28, 1864, ae. 27.
- iii. SON<sup>2</sup>, killed in the battle of Antietam.
- iv. SON<sup>2</sup>.
- v. ACHSAH E.<sup>2</sup>, m. George W. Thornily of Greenfield, where she d. Jan. 31, 1901, ae. 61 years, 11 months, 24 days.

NEWELL, RUFUS, brother of Ziba; d. Nov. 20, 1846, ae. 73; m.; lived on South street.

NEWELL, DAVID, m. Mrs. Lucy Johnson, about June, 1824.

1. NEWTON, CHESTER, b. Nov. 18, 1804; m. Lucia R. Potter. She d. Sept. 26, 1898, ae. 83 years, in Bern. He was a farmer; resided in Beaver Meadow, Leyden, where he d. Dec. 5, 1845. Children:
  - i. LAURA<sup>2</sup>, m. Lucius M. Weatherhead, Nov. 3, 1858. He owned the sawmill on Burk Flat many years; sold to Mr. Welcome, and rem. to Riverside, where he d. Had one dau., Emma, who m. Henry Barton of Riverside.
  4. ii. GALUSHA P<sup>2</sup>.
  5. iii. EDMUND C<sup>2</sup>.
2. NEWTON, ELISHA, brother of Chester, b. 1804; m. Climena<sup>6</sup>, dau. Reuben<sup>5</sup> Frizzle, Jr.; resided until the last of his life in Leyden; finally bought the William Foster place on the Newcomb road. He d. from accident July 30, 1841. She m. (2) Dec. 18, 1853, James<sup>7</sup> Shattuck. Children:
  - i. GEORGE ELISHA<sup>2</sup>, b. July 5, 1835.
  - ii. ALLEN<sup>2</sup>, b. Apr. 29, 1839; res. Bern.; unm.

- iii. FRANK<sup>2</sup>, m. Ella H., dau. of Chauncey Slate, and resides in Suffield, Ct. Has one child, Edwin Frank Newton.
3. NEWTON, SAMUEL, brother of Elisha and Chester, b. ——— m. Rebecca, dau. of ——— Packer of Leyden. Spent most of his life in Leyden, but d. in Bern. with his son, Horace. Children :
  - i. BELINDA<sup>2</sup>.
  - ii. SOPHIA B.<sup>2</sup>, m. N. N. Bixby; res. North Adams.
  - iii. EMILY<sup>2</sup>, m. Dr. O. A. Wheeler; res. Monrovia, Cal.
  - iv. EVA<sup>2</sup>, m. Harris Williams.
  - v. HORACE H<sup>2</sup>. His eldest dau., Ella J., m. Oct. 10, 1900, Harry T. Lazelle.
4. NEWTON, GALUSHA P.<sup>2</sup>, (Chester<sup>1</sup>.) m. Julietta, dau. David Streeter of Bern. He settled on the Woodbridge Green farm on the Bald Mountain road. Children :
  - i. CHRISTINE<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 26, 1879.
  - ii. WIN<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 14, 1882.
  - iii. HENRY<sup>3</sup>, b. Jan. 31, 1885.
  - iv. CLIFTON<sup>3</sup>, d.
  - v. HORACE<sup>3</sup>.
5. NEWTON, EDMUND C.<sup>2</sup>, (Chester<sup>1</sup>.) m. Harriet, dau. George Tyler. He purchased the old Chase Tavern at North Bern., where he res., and d. Aug., 1883. He was a member of the 52nd Reg., Mass. Vol. Children :
  - i. CHESTER<sup>3</sup>, m. Miss Reed; res. Fitchburg.
  - ii. FLORENCE<sup>3</sup>, (twin), m. ——— Streeter.
  - iii. FRANCIS<sup>3</sup>, (twin).
  - iv. LYMAN<sup>3</sup>.
1. OAKS, JAMES, of Bolton, Mass., b. 1772; m. Sarah Walker, who was b. 1772, and d. Aug. 26, 1845. The latter years of life were spent in Bern. He d. June 24, 1847. Children :
  - i. EMORY<sup>2</sup>, m. Sarah, dau. of Capt. Harris of Vernon, Vt., where he died.
  - ii. SYLVIA<sup>2</sup>, m. Joel Gleason of Marlboro, Mass.

- iii. ELMIRA<sup>2</sup>, m. ——— Gleason of Marlboro, Mass.
- iv. MARY<sup>2</sup>, m. Charles Slate; resided Bern.
- v. ALBERT<sup>2</sup>, m. Sophronia Thayer of Vernon; resided Marlboro, Mass.
- 2. vi. GARDNER<sup>2</sup>.
- vii. JAMES<sup>2</sup>, m. Caroline P. Stone. He was by trade a carpenter, residing at North Bern. on the place north of A. C. Brown. Removed to Chicopee; d. in West Haven, Ct., Nov., 1900. Had:
  - 1. George Brooks<sup>3</sup>, b. July 14, 1841. 2. Sarah Jane<sup>3</sup>, born Dec. 3, 1843; m. and resided Wilbraham.
- 2. OAKS, GARDNER<sup>2</sup>, (James<sup>1</sup>.) m. Cecilia L. ——— who was b. January 31, 1813, and d. Sept. 25, 1891. He d. in young manhood, and she m. (2) Justice Clark of Huckle Hill, Bern. Children:
  - i. EUNICE J.<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 11, 1839; m. Feb. 10, 1858, William H. Brown of Vernon, Vt. Has two children.
  - ii. GARDNER J.<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept. 29, 1840. For many years he resided on Huckle Hill, just east of his step-father, Justice Clark's, but recently bought and removed to the Robert Cushman place, in the east part of the town. He is by trade a carpenter. He m. Mch. 11, 1862, Selena M., dau. of James Courtney of Chazy, N. Y. She was b. July 26, 1839. Had: 1. Frank<sup>4</sup>, b. and d. May 31, 1864. 2. Robert H.<sup>4</sup>, b. May 31, 1865, who is in business with his father; m. Mary E. Hunter, Sept. 19, 1889; one son, Robert H.<sup>5</sup>, b. Apr. 21, 1895. 3. Madora B.<sup>4</sup>, b. Mch. 28, 1868; res. Greenfield. 4. Walter S.<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 3, 1870; a machinist; res. at Bellows Falls, Vt.; m. Dec. 24, 1899, A. Maud Fortin; one child, Gardner J.<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 18, 1900. 5. Herbert C.<sup>4</sup>, b. Mch. 21, 1874; d. Apr. 13, 1897. 6. Frank L.<sup>4</sup>, b. Apr. 25, 1879. 7. Lyman E.<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 23, 1880.
- ORCUTT, JACOB, was a hayward in 1776. Probably that one who was detected by the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety of changing a six penny note to a six pound bill during the Revolutionary period. Nothing further of him or his family, if he had one, appears on the records.
- PACKER, CHARLES, whose father lived and d. in Rhode Island, came to Bernardston when a young man, settling in that part afterward included in the district of Leyden. He was b. in

1741. Mr. Packer was collector for Bern. in 1781, selectman in 1783. After the separation of Leyden from the parent town, he took an active interest in civil affairs there. He m. (1) Mary, dau. of Elijah Walworth of Guilford and Leyden, who d. without issue. He m. (2) Electa, dau. of Ezra<sup>o</sup> Shattuck of Leyden, July 4, 1814. She was b. Dec. 2, 1778. He d. in 1834. Children:

- i. CHARLES<sup>2</sup>, who d. when four years old.
- ii. MARY<sup>2</sup>, b. about 1817; m. Alva Shattuck; no children; resides near the Guilford line in Leyden.
- iii. REBECCA<sup>2</sup>, m. Samuel Shattuck, brother of her sister Mary's husband. She d. in New York State about 1890.

1. PARK, REUBEN, was born of English parentage in 1746, in Sutton, Mass. He m. Mary Barton, who was also b. in Sutton in 1746. She d. Aug. 28, 1835. They came to town about 1778, settling in the east part. Mr. Park d. Feb. 20, 1813. Children:

- i. MARY<sup>2</sup>, b. Jan., 1766; m. Daniel<sup>2</sup> Hale 1797; d. May 16, 1867.
- ii. JONATHAN<sup>2</sup>, m. Patience<sup>2</sup>, dau. of William and Sarah Fox, about 1792-3. Had: 1. Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, b. Dec. 9, 1793; m. Sept. 29, 1814, Florilly<sup>4</sup>, dau. Israel Slate. She was b. June 9, 1793. 2. Sally<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept. 9, 1795; d. July, 1814, ae. 18. (Church Book). 3. Betsey<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 21, 1797; m. Sept. 7, 1815, Hosea<sup>2</sup> Aldrich. She d. Sept. 13, 1861. 4. Fox P.<sup>3</sup>, b. Mch. 19, 1800; d. Oct. 2, 1802. 5. Gad P.<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 24, 1802.
- iii. REUBEN<sup>2</sup>, b. Nov. 16, 1780; m. Betsey Warren. Their intention was recorded Feb. 6, 1802. She d. Sept. 27, 1844. He m. (2) May 17, 1845, Lucinda A. (Mitchell), widow of Jared Fox. She was b. Sept. 27, 1798; d. Oct. 10, 1875. He d. July 25, 1878. He resided in East Bern. Had: 1. Warren<sup>3</sup>, b. Mch. 10, 1803; m. Apr. 9, 1822, Gracia Wrisley of Gill. She d. Sept. 28, 1832. Mr. Park lived in the east part of the town; was a gunsmith. 2. Lucy<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 7, 1805; m. Sept. 14, 1820, Moses<sup>2</sup> Aldrich. 3. Samuel W.<sup>3</sup>, b. Dec. 7, 1810; m. Mary E. Wright, Oct. 28, 1832; d. Dec. 11, 1836, in Brookline, Mich. 4. Betsey<sup>3</sup>, born Feb. 15, 1814. 5. Hannah<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 17, 1816; m. Velorus

- Moore of Northfield, Apr. 16, 1845. 6. Reuben<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 1, 1820; m. Marcia M.<sup>3</sup>, dau. of Wyllis<sup>2</sup> Gray, Apr. 16, 1846. Had: i. Leroy N.<sup>4</sup>, b. Apr. 22, 1850; m. Isa Howe, who d. Jan. 16, 1897. He d. May 18, 1895; Had Leslie L., and Arthur R. ii. Alfred E.<sup>4</sup>, b. Jan. 23, 1852; m. Jennie Wright of Northampton Jan. 29, 1873. Has Christa M. and Lillian G. iii. Alden A.<sup>4</sup>, b. Jan. 10, 1858; m. Mary Delvey Jan. 13, 1880. She d. July 23, 1889; m. (2) Mary Whitaker of Northfield Nov. 11, 1890. Has Florence M. and Ruby A. iv. Grace L.<sup>4</sup>, b. June 17, 1865; who m. May 21, 1890, Cola R.<sup>5</sup> Nelson. He resides near the Gill line. 7. Joseph<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept. 8, 1822. 8. Elinor<sup>3</sup>, b. Dec. 25, 1824. 9. Nancy<sup>3</sup>.
- iv. SIMEON<sup>2</sup>, m. Syrena or Trena, sister of Joseph Aldrich, and widow of William Hale of Greenfield. Intentions recorded November 12, 1803.
2. v. LEVI<sup>2</sup>, b. Dec. 30, 1786.
- vi. HANNAH<sup>3</sup>, whose intention was recorded Mch. 25, 1809, with Reuben Loveland of Gill.
- vii. GRACIA<sup>3</sup>, who m. Isaiah White.
2. PARK, LEVI<sup>2</sup>, (Reuben<sup>1</sup>), b. Dec. 30, 1786; m. (1) Apr. 7, 1807, Phoebe<sup>4</sup>, dau. of Israel<sup>3</sup> Slate. She was b. Nov. 27, 1786; d. June 16, 1820; m. (2) Chloe<sup>4</sup> Slate, sister of his first wife, Dec. 28, 1820. She was b. May 27, 1798; d. Apr. 7, 1829; m. (3) Jan. 28, 1830, Mary B.<sup>3</sup>, dau. of Samuel<sup>2</sup> Hale of Gill. She was b. June 16, 1806; d. Mch. 3, 1871. He d. May 12, 1869. Mr. Park resided on the old Stephen Webster place, about a mile north of the village. Children:
- i. CHAUNCEY B.<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 16, 1807; m. Mch. 8, 1829, Emeline L. Field. She was b. Feb. 2, 1808. He d. Feb. 17, 1835, and she m. (2) ? Nelson Severance of Gill, 1837. She d. Feb. 2, 1878. Had: 1. Josephine M.<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 2, 1830; m. Mch. 11, 1851, Robert C. Dunham. 2. Chauncey T.<sup>4</sup>, b. May 26, 1832; m. Oct. 27, 1860, Henrietta T. Tompkins; no children.
- ii. MIRANDA A.<sup>3</sup>, b. May 25, 1809; m. May 27, 1829, Salmon H.<sup>3</sup> Burrows; d. Oct. 15, 1875.
- iii. CHARLES S.<sup>3</sup>, b. July 25, 1811; m. Catherine C., dau. Lieut. Enos Burt of Gill, Mch. 29, 1835. She was b. Sept. 28, 1813; d. Oct. 12, 1881. He resided on the farm adjoining his father's,



- now owned by George Burrows Had: 1. Charles Burt<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 19, 1835; m. Feb. 1, 1860, Maria S. Weatherhead; res. Brattleboro, Vt. 2. Angelia Catherine<sup>4</sup>, b. Jan. 30, 1841; m. (1) Henry C.<sup>7</sup> Frizzell, Mch. 6, 1861. He d. Aug. 7, 1867; she m. (2) Oct. 19, 1873, Arthur C. Brooks; resides Greenfield. 3. Francella Sophia<sup>4</sup>, b. Sept. 13, 1845; m. (1) Henry O. Streeter, Dec. 4, 1866. He d. Sept. 25, 1870. She m. (2) Henry Wells, Dec. 3, 1874; she d. Aug. 29, 1877.
- iv. LEVI W.<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 1, 1813; m. Oct. 25, 1837, Julianna S. Roberts, who was b. Mch. 16, 1818. He removed to Illinois; d. Mch. 9, 1891. Had: 1. Augusta<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 9, 1839; m. (1) Nov. 1, 1858, Charles H. Phillips, who was b. 1838; d. Mch. 24, 1861; m. (2) Phillip B. Ayer, Oct. 22, 1862. He d. Nov. 4, 1875; m. (3) Apr. 29, 1877, David B. Cooke, who was b. Feb. 10, 1826; d. Oct. 21, 1884; resides Chicago, Ill. 2. Everett B.<sup>4</sup>, born Nov. 30, 1846; m. Dec. 4, 1867, Addie M. Stigleman.
- v. HARVEY H.<sup>3</sup>, b. July 10, 1815; m. July 4, 1838, Sarah F. Amidon, who was b. Nov. 6, 1817; res. in Monson, Greenfield, and Dummerston, Vt. He d. Mch. 16, 1892. She d. Mch. 12, 1894. Had: 1. Francisco C.<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 14, 1840; m. June 27, 1867, Jennie Hayward. 2. Sarah E.<sup>4</sup>, b. Feb. 28, 1846; m. Sept. 24, 1863, John Thayer. 3. John H.<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 10, 1861; m. July 5, 1884, Minnie E. Millard.
- vi. RODNEY R.<sup>3</sup>, b. Mch. 10, 1817; m. (1) Sept. 1, 1841, Sylvia S.<sup>5</sup>, dau. Dea. Daniel<sup>4</sup> Slate. She was b. Nov. 17, 1821; d. July 9, 1850; m. (2) Apr. 22, 1851, Tryphena<sup>8</sup>, dau. of Otis<sup>7</sup> Chapin. She was b. Apr. 10, 1827. Mr. Park was selectman in 1853. He resides next house south of O. W. Gray's. Had: 1. Edgar R.<sup>4</sup>, b. and d. Apr. 1, 1850. 2. Linus<sup>4</sup>, b. May 2, 1852; d. May 9, 1852. 3. Sylvia T.<sup>4</sup>, b. Sept. 25, 1854. She is a dress-maker, residing at home; unm.
- vii. PHOEBE L.<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept. 22, 1818; m. Feb. 11, 1840, Nelson Burrows of Gill. She d. June 5, 1901.
- By second wife:
- viii. BARTON<sup>3</sup>, b. Jan. 30, 1822; m. Apr. 22, 1846, Harriet B. Harkness. She was b. Feb. 21, 1827; resided Omaha, Neb. He d. in Biloxi, Miss., Feb. 11, 1900.
- ix. MINERVA<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 20, 1823; m. May 2, 1843, Henry C. Kellogg. They resided in Amherst.

- x. LORENZO<sup>3</sup>, b. Mch. 23, 1824; m. Mch. 8, 1849, Caroline A., dau. of Wilkins Clark. She was b. July 15, 1828. For many years Mr. Park followed his trade of stone-cutting, having yards in Bernardston and Greenfield. He was also engaged for a few years in mercantile business in the brick store, which he sold, together with his residence (the Z. C. Newcomb place), to O. W. Gray. He now resides with his son-in-law in Hinsdale, N. H. Had: 1. Helen M.<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 2, 1850; m. William H. Lyman, Apr. 23, 1874. He was b. Jan. 10, 1850; res. Hinsdale, N. H. 2. Arthur K.<sup>4</sup>, b. May 22, 1855; d. Oct. 25, 1875. 3. Carrie A.<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 26; d. Nov. 9, 1868.
- xi. FRANCIS<sup>3</sup>, b. Jan. 20, 1825; a stone-mason by trade; resides in Greenfield near the Montague bridge; m. (1) Nov. 28, 1848, Harriet Dyke, who d. Mch. 28, 1850; m. (2) Eveline M. Simonds, Jan. 15, 1851; d. Nov. 24, 1853; m. (3) Jane E. Wells, Nov. 29, 1854. Had: 1. Ella G.<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 20, 1852; m. Baxter S. Stimpson. 2. Charles S.<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 1, 1856; m. Mary E. Otterson; res. Greenfield. 3. Frank H.<sup>4</sup>, b. Jan. 15, 1858; m. Lizzie J. Hunt; res. Greenfield. 4. Hattie J.<sup>4</sup>, b. June 7, 1860; m. Orrin O. Williken. 5. George B.<sup>4</sup>, b. Dec. 4, 1863; m. Jennie L. Holden; res. Greenfield.
- xii. HULBERT<sup>3</sup>, b. Nov. 24, 1827; m. June 16, 1850, Miss R. Brown. He d. July 11, 1856; settled in Illinois.
- xiii. CHLOE<sup>3</sup>, b. Mch. 23, 1829; m. George H. Cushman, Dec. 2, 1851; resides Lynn.  
By third wife:
- xiv. HENRY<sup>3</sup>, b. Jan. 11, 1831; m. Dec. 10, 1850, Juliette L. Amidon of Marshville, Vt. She was b. Oct. 20, 1836; d. in Turners Falls. He m. (2) July 11, 1900, Minnie, dau. Loren Baker of Guilford, Vt.; resides Riverside, Gill. Had: 1. John H.<sup>4</sup>, b. Sept. 6, 1855; m. Oct. 2, 1876, Emma F. Tasker. 2. Fred A. W.<sup>4</sup>, b. July 8, 1858; m. Dec. 25, 1878, Jennie M. Hall. 3. May I.<sup>4</sup>, b. Mch. 14, 1864; m. July 4, 1881, Otis M. Woodman; d. July 14, 1888. 4. Ernest E.<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 3, 1868. 5. George C.<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 18, 1871; d. June 21, 1872.
- xv. DWIGHT<sup>3</sup>, b. Jan. 10, 1833; m. May 2, 1858, Laura A.<sup>3</sup>, dau. of Rufus<sup>7</sup> Shattuck of Leyden. She was b. May 20, 1837. He d. Feb. 18, 1879. Mr. Park was a member of the 52nd Reg., Mass. Vol., during the Civil War. Had: 1. Elinor O.<sup>4</sup>, b. May 3, 1862; d. Sept. 10, 1863. 2. Mary V.<sup>4</sup>, b. Sept. 11, 1864; m.

- Apr. 4, 1881, Frederick E. Porter. 3. Dickson D.<sup>4</sup>, b. Jan. 21, 1867; d. Aug. 31, 1868. 4. Andy G.<sup>4</sup>, b. Apr. 25, 1871. 5. Lulu B.<sup>4</sup>, b. July 24, 1874.
- xvi. FREDERICK<sup>3</sup>, b. July 29, 1835; d. Oct. 31, 1836.
- xvii. FREDERICK RALPH<sup>3</sup>, b. Dec. 12, 1837; m. Jan. 12, 1860, Cynthia L., dau. Loren Baker. She was b. Jan. 29, 1839. He served in the 52nd Reg., Mass. Vol., during the Civil War; resides in Bern. village. Had: 1. Edwin F.<sup>4</sup>, b. May 20, 1873. 2. Dayton L.<sup>4</sup>, b. Apr. 2, 1875; m. June 28, 1899, Cynthia Brown of West Northfield.
- xviii. MARY JANE<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 3, 1840; m. Nov. 27, 1866, Charles P. Cushman. He d. Feb. 11, 1887. She resides Springfield.
- xix. LUCY ANN<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 10, 1842; m. Henry W. Hale, Sept. 20, 1865; resides Greenfield.
- xx. ALBERT<sup>3</sup>, b. July 29, 1845; m. June 1, 1864, Lydia A. Capron. She was b. Feb. 17, 1842. Mr. Park resides in Greenwood, Neb., where he is engaged in farming. Had: 1. Thaddeus H.<sup>4</sup>, b. Jan. 25, 1866; m. 2. Alvah L.<sup>4</sup>, b. Mch. 31, 1868; m. 3. Emma L.<sup>4</sup>, b. June 24, 1871; m. George Waldron, Apr. 1, 1888. 4. Levi W.<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 29, 1873. 5. Arthur N.<sup>4</sup>, b. Dec. 10, 1877. 6. Clara Jessie<sup>4</sup>, b. Dec. 25, 1879; d. Feb. 9, 1880. 7. George T. C.<sup>4</sup>, b. Dec. 22, 1884.
- xxi. HARRIET MARIA<sup>3</sup>, b. Nov. 4, 1848; m. Jan. 2, 1867, Samuel C. Wood; resides Whately.

PARKER, CHARLES WING<sup>6</sup>, (James, Jr.<sup>7</sup>, Capt. James<sup>6</sup>, Nathaniel, Jr.<sup>6</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Joseph, Jr.<sup>3</sup>, of Deerfield, 1642, Joseph<sup>1</sup> of Groton, Mass.) b. in Charlemont, Oct. 23, 1839; m. July 20, 1865, Emily Augusta, dau. Barnard Hastings of Conway. The latter was a native of Bernardston, the son of Samuel<sup>4</sup> Hastings, and Olive<sup>3</sup>, dau. of Capt. Jonathan<sup>2</sup> Slate. Mrs. Parker was b. in Lanesboro, Nov. 1, 1843. Mr. Parker removed from Conway to town Oct. 18, 1875, purchasing then his present home in East Bernardston, the "Old Hamilton Place" of Alexander C. Sheldon. Children:

- i. MINNIE CHARLOTTE<sup>9</sup>, b. Feb. 25, 1867, in South Deerfield; resides Greenfield.
- ii. JAMES BARNARD<sup>9</sup>, b. in Conway, Apr. 27, 1870; m. Nov. 4, 1896, Nancy B., dau. of Gilbert Barber of Bern. Had: 1. Ernest B.<sup>10</sup>,

- b. July 28, 1898. 2. Florence E.<sup>10</sup>, b. Sept. 30, 1899. 3. Melvin J.<sup>10</sup>, b. May 10, 1901. Mr. Parker resides in East Bern., on the Widow Abby Aldrich place.
- iii. CHARLES SENECA<sup>9</sup>, b. in Conway, Aug. 6, 1871; m. Sept. 26, 1894, Grace Miller, dau. John L. Clark of Elm Grove; res. Greenfield; Had: 1. Irene Alice<sup>10</sup>, b. Aug. 24, 1900.
- iv. GEORGE HASTINGS<sup>9</sup>, b. Conway, Nov. 9, 1873; m. Sept. 14, 1898, Eva Maud, dau. John D. Robinson of West Deerfield; resides Orange. Had: 1. Maxwell Dana<sup>10</sup>, b. Nov. 7, 1901.

PARMENTER. There were three of the name who early settled in town—Jason, Elias and Josiah. The two latter are supposed to have been brothers, descendants claiming that such was the relationship between the two. Of kinship with Jason, I have found no evidence. It is supposed that the families are all more or less directly connected with the early settlers of the name in Sudbury, and this supposition would seem to be substantiated by the following marriage: Cynthia Parmenter of Bern. published to Oliver Parmenter of Sudbury, Dec. 4, 1781, entered upon the early Bern. records. This Cynthia was perhaps a sister of Jason, who seems to have been the oldest of the three of the name. Robert and Sarah Parmenter settled in Braintree in 1640, and from them are descended most of the name.

PARMENTER, JASON, m. Abigail, dau. of Samuel<sup>3</sup> Frizzell. She was b. in 1734. He was a prominent man here, serving as constable and collector 1775, 1784, Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety, 1778, 1779. He was also a soldier of the Revolution, going out as private May 1, 1775, in Capt. Wells' Co., Col. Whitcomb's Reg. On file in the State Archives is a "Petition for the Reprieve of Jason Parmenter of Bernardston," dated Sudbury, May 11, 1787, and signed by Ruth Parmenter, his mother, and four brothers as follows: Micah, Deliverance, Israel and Silas. There is also another petition signed by Jason Parmenter only. Children:

- i. ABIGAIL<sup>2</sup>, b. Nov. 17, 1754.  
 ii. ASENATH<sup>2</sup>, b. Nov. 19, 1756.

- iii. JASON<sup>2</sup>, b. Jan. 24, 1759.
  - iv. REUBEN<sup>2</sup>, b. Oct. 2, 1763.
  - v. ASAH<sup>2</sup>, b. Dec. 12, 1765; m. Mary Holton of Northfield, December 23, 1790.
  - vi. CYNTHIA<sup>2</sup>, b. Mch. 6, 1768; m. Joseph Johnson, Dec. 26, 1791.
  - vii. ARTEMAS<sup>2</sup>, b. June 10, 1770; probably he was the one who m. Nov. 27, 1788, Lucy Grant of Northfield.
  - viii. MELYNDA<sup>2</sup>, b. June 8, 1773; m. May 10, 1791, Earl Frizzell of Northfield.
  - ix. ELECTA<sup>2</sup>, b. Sept. 9, 1775; m. Joseph Fuller of Hinsdale.
1. PARMENTER, ELIAS<sup>2</sup>, said to be the son of George<sup>1</sup>, m. Sybil, dau. of Ebenezer<sup>3</sup> Sheldon of Bern. She d. May 15, 1838, aged 80 years. (grave stone). According to Mr. Sheldon, this Elias Parmenter was of Northfield from 1764 to 1801, but this is obviously incorrect as he held town offices as follows: hayward 1775, 1780; fence viewer 1778; surveyor of highways 1786, selectman 1795-6. It would seem that there must have been another Elias Parmenter resident of Northfield at this time. The family record was entered upon the Bern. records in 1806. Children:
- i. THADDEUS<sup>2</sup>, b. June 23, 1769; d. Oct. 13, 1775.
  - ii. SIBBEL<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 5, 1771; d. Jan. 5, 1775.
  - iii. SALINA<sup>2</sup>, b. June 30, 1773; d. Oct. 12, 1775.
- 2.
- iv. ELIAS<sup>2</sup>, b. Jan. 21, 1776.
  - v. SIBBEL<sup>2</sup>, b. Jan. 6, 1778; m. Deacon Thomas<sup>7</sup> Snow, Jan. 28, 1801. She d. Dec. 4, 1865.
  - vi. HULDAH<sup>2</sup>, b. Mch. 4, 1780; d. Aug. 2, 1785.
  - vii. ABIGAIL<sup>2</sup>, b. Apr. 25, 1782; m. May 15, 1803, Peter<sup>7</sup> Newcomb; d. Mch. 28, 1813.
- 3.
- viii. GEORGE<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 27, 1785.
  - ix. HULDAH<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 15, 1787; m. Dec. 25, 1811, Seorim<sup>7</sup> Cushman; d. Mch. 21, 1879.
  - x. ROXANNA<sup>2</sup>, b. Mch. 10, 1789; published May 4, 1809, to Elijah Stebbins of Vernon, Vt.
  - xi. SOPHRONIA<sup>2</sup>, b. Oct. 15, 1791; d. Oct. 13, 1798.
2. PARMENTER, ELIAS<sup>2</sup>, (Elias<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>.) b. Jan. 21, 1776; m. June 15, 1797, Sarah<sup>1</sup>, dau. of Prence<sup>6</sup> Snow. She was b. 1778; died



Feb. 19, 1843. He d. Oct. 8, 1842. He resided on the place now owned by Darwin Clark. Children :

- i. LURANCY<sup>4</sup>, b. Jan. 30, 1798; m. Dec. 31, 1818, Jessie<sup>6</sup> Field. She d. Oct. 13, 1876.
- ii. THADDEUS<sup>4</sup>, b. Feb. 28, 1800; m. Lovina<sup>6</sup>, dau. of Dea. Jesse<sup>5</sup> Field, Nov. 22, 1821. She was b. Dec. 1, 1798; d. Dec. 8, 1871. They rem. to Sunderland in 1850. He d. Jan. 5, 1877. Had:
  1. Harriet Ophelia<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 5, 1823; d. May 19, 1824.
  2. Althea<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 18, 1825; m. June 12, 1870, Alanson Hubbard; resided Sunderland.
  3. Ophelia<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 20, 1828; m. May 31, 1855, Rufus Smith.
  4. George Bradford<sup>5</sup>, b. Dec. 12, 1831; d. Jan. 2, 1833.
- iii. SOPHRONIA<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 3, 1802; m. (1) Nov. 2, 1823, Terah Fox; m. (2) 1838, Moses Wait. She d. Oct. 21, 1891.
- iv. SARA CELINA<sup>4</sup>, b. Mch. 24, 1805; m. Seorim B. Slate; (second wife) d. Dec. 2, 1886.
- v. ELVIRA LOUISA<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 10, 1807; m. John E. Burke, June 7, 1829; d. Nov. 14, 1897.
- vi. ELIAS ALONZO<sup>4</sup>, b. Jan. 28, 1810; m. Abigail<sup>4</sup>, dau. of George<sup>2</sup> Parmenter, Sept. 4, 1831.
- vii. SYBIL SHELDON<sup>4</sup>, b. Sept. 24, 1815; m. Otis Chittendon, Nov. 1, 1843. She d. Oct. 8, 1862.

3. PARMENTER, GEORGE<sup>3</sup>, (Elias<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 27, 1785; m. Anna, dau. of Samuel<sup>3</sup> Green, Nov. 27, 1807. She d. Sept. 20, 1863, ae. 75. He was selectman in 1819, 23, 24; resided on the place owned by the late Justice Clark, near Dry Brook. He d. Apr. 18, 1828, ae. 43. Children :

- i. INFANT<sup>4</sup>, b. and d. Oct. 12, 1808.
- ii. GEORGE DWIGHT<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 16, 1809; d. May 13, 1850, in Edgington, Ill.; had children.
- iii. SEBA ALLEN<sup>4</sup>, b. Feb. 27, 1811; m. Elizabeth Cune of Brattleboro, Vt.; d. Oct. 22, 1845, in Rock Island, Ill.; had children.
- iv. ABIGAIL<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 31, 1813; m. Sept. 4, 1831, Elias Alonzo<sup>4</sup> Parmenter.
- v. AMANDA<sup>4</sup>, b. Apr. 25, 1815; m. (1) Nov. 1838, Erasmus Darwin Cushman; m. (2) Simeon Cushman; settled in Ill.; d. Mch. 5, 1862.
- vi. MARIANN<sup>4</sup>, b. Sept. 15, 1816; m. Sept. 15, 1836, Andrew J. Webster.

- vii. LORENZO<sup>4</sup>, b. Mch. 31, 1818; m. and resides Edgington, Ill.
- viii. SETH<sup>4</sup>, b. May 9, 1820; d. in Illinois; left children.
4. ix. WILLARD<sup>4</sup>, b. Dec. 22, 1821.
4. PARMENTER, WILLARD<sup>3</sup>, (George<sup>2</sup>, Elias<sup>1</sup>,) b. Dec. 22, 1821; m. Abbie H. Brown of Northfield, May 5, 1852. He d. Feb. 14, 1890. She resides with her daughter, Mrs. Grant, on the Bald Mountain road, on the place originally owned by Rev. Amasa Cook. Children:
- i. MYRON G.<sup>4</sup>, b. Dec. 14, 1852; m. Ada Damon of Orange; resides Scranton, Pa.
  - ii. GEORGE W.<sup>4</sup>, b. Feb. 22, 1855; m. Mabel Pierce of Springfield; res. Bernardston. Has children.
  - iii. HERBERT L.<sup>4</sup>, b. June 26, 1863; d. Sept. 25, 1864.
  - iv. IDA F.<sup>4</sup>, b. May 21, 1865; m. George W. Grant, Aug. 8, 1885. Had: 1. William Duane<sup>5</sup>, b. Apr. 8, 1885. 2. Edith Vrana<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 28, 1886. 3. George Herbert<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 20, 1888. 4. Walter Frank<sup>5</sup>, b. May 6, 1893. 5. Elbert Parmenter<sup>5</sup>, born June 27, 1894. 6. Rolland Eugene<sup>5</sup>, b. June 18, 1896.

PARMENTER, JOSIAH, probably brother of Elias<sup>1</sup>, removed from Bernardston to Northfield in 1764; m. (1) May 4, 1768, Bethiah, dau. of William Holton. She d. May 11, 1785, ae. 40 years; m. (2) Sept. 15, 1785, Hannah Childs of Greenfield. She d. in Bern., Mch. 17, 1836, ae. 74 years. He d. Aug. 23, 1829. Children:

- i. SETH<sup>2</sup>.
- ii. JOSIAH<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 29, 1772.
- iii. BETHIA<sup>2</sup>, b. Oct. 17, 1773; m. Mch. 6, 1794, Benjamin Horseley of Gill.
- iv. NATHAN<sup>2</sup>, b. Sept. 10, 1775.
- v. RUTH<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 22, 1777.
- vi. NELLIE<sup>2</sup>.
- vii. DOLLY<sup>2</sup>, b. May 3, 1782.
- viii. CHESTER<sup>2</sup>, b. June 27, 1786.
- ix. MARY<sup>2</sup>, bap. Nov. 11, 1787; d. Sept. 3, 1788.
- x. POLLY<sup>2</sup>, bap. June 18, 1790.
- xi. NANCY<sup>2</sup>, bap. May 10, 1791.
- xii. ELMER<sup>2</sup>, bap. Sept. 8, 1793.

xiii. LUCINDA<sup>2</sup>, b. Aug. 22, 1795.

xiv. PHILENA<sup>2</sup>, b. Apr. 29, 1797; m. Erastus<sup>5</sup> Ryther, Nov., 1815; d. Feb. 24, 1881.

xv. MELITA<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 20, 1801.

PEABODY, AMOS, m. Mch. 4, 1783, Relief, dau. of Moses Dickinson of Northfield. He resided here for a short time, coming from Luenburg. The entire family removed about 1820 to the "Holland Purchase," N. Y. Had ten children.

PECK, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, (Simon<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup> of Mendon, Mass.,) settled in the Gore, afterwards set off to Colrain; m. Dec. 21, 1724, Mary Stuart of Londonderry, N. H. She was b. May 23, 1730; d. Jan. 19, 1801. He was surveyor of highways 1772, 3, 4, 5 and 7. He d. July 18, 1798. Had eight children.

PERRY, JOHN, was one of the earliest settlers of the place; m. Rebecca ——— who d. in captivity at Quebec, Dec. 23, 1746. He, with his wife, was at Fort Massachusetts at the time of the massacre there Aug. 20, 1746, taken captive and carried to Canada; 1742 he was of Hadley. At this time he was probably serving as a soldier at Fort Massachusetts, being recorded as a "soldier and carpenter from Fall Town." He probably never returned to Bernardston after his captivity, but is said to have settled in Putney, Vt.

PIERCE, WILLARD HENRY<sup>10</sup>, M. D., (Nathan G.<sup>9</sup>, Moses<sup>8</sup>, Nathan<sup>7</sup>, Anthony<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Anthony<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>, who emigrated from Norwich, England, in 1637, settling in Watertown), b. Nov. 21, 1863, in Westminster, Vt.; fitted for college at the Vermont Academy, Saxtons River, entering the University of Vermont, and graduating from the medical department of that institution June, 1885, locating the following September in Bernardston. Here, and in the surrounding towns, he quickly built up an extensive practice which resulted in his opening, about 1892, an office in Greenfield, where he located next year. The many surgical cases of which he was called upon to take charge, soon demonstrated the necessity of better facilities for such work, and

in Sept., 1894, he accordingly opened a private hospital on West Main street. Here was practically laid the foundations of the Franklin County Public Hospital, into which this was finally merged upon the formal establishment of the latter. Dr. Pierce is a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, of the Franklin District Medical Society, and the Connecticut Valley Medical Association. In 1898 he received the appointment of medical examiner, which he still holds. He m. Sept. 5, 1888, Nellie May<sup>s</sup>, dau. of Ormando W.<sup>4</sup> Gray of Bernardston. Children :

- i. ROXY<sup>2</sup>, b. Nov. 7, 1891, in Bern.
- ii. FRANK GRAY<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 20; d. Feb., 1894, in Greenfield.
- iii. ESTHER<sup>2</sup>, b. May 27, 1897, in Greenfield; d. Mch. 24, 1900.

PINKS, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, son of Thomas' of Thetford, England, was b. July 25, 1755; m. (1) Aug. 26, 1779, Joanna Wallis of Barre, who d. Apr. 24, 1785, ae. 27 years; m. (2) Sarah, dau. of Jonathan Chapin of Springfield. She d. Oct. 1, 1841. He was a constable in 1784, and in May, 1799, tax collector and inn holder. He resided while in town on the place owned by the late Frederick Chapin on South street. He was a tailor in Burgoyne's army, and was captured at Saratoga. When the captured army was sent home he was absent at a farm house working at his trade. He was in Northfield in 1781, where he kept store. About 1788 he removed to Bern., where he kept tavern four years. Not far from 1800 he removed to "Erving's Grant"; later resided in Orange and Bolton. He removed to Greenfield about 1814, and there died Feb. 21, 1834. Had eight children.

POWARS, or POWERS, JOHN<sup>2</sup>. According to a letter found from one John Powars, a near relative of Edward Epps Powars, the name of this family has not been correctly spelled in this locality. He affirms that the spelling should be Powars, and with a single exception has always been so spelled by his branch of the family, and in his correspondence with the late Lieut. Gov. Cushman, particularly requests a strict adherence

to the original spelling. The family is descended from John and Sarah (Eveleth) Powars. Their son, John<sup>2</sup>, was b. in Charlestown; was a baker by trade, residing in Boston, Quincy, Milton, Braintree, Middleton, Greenfield and Bernardston. He lived on the place now owned by Mr. Carson on South street, where he kept a bakery. He m. Affa Bixby, who d. Mch. 16, 1829, ae. 81 years. He d. Jan. 12, 1826, ae. 82. Children:

- i. JOHN<sup>3</sup>, resided in 1863, in Weston.
- ii. DANIEL EVELETH<sup>3</sup>, m. Mary Bull; resided Boston.
- iii. JOSEPH<sup>3</sup>, unkm.
- iv. EDWARD EPPS<sup>3</sup>, b. Nov. 24, 1793; was early apprenticed to a saddler and harness maker in Northampton, but soon after reaching manhood's estate, removed to Georgia, commencing mercantile business in Clinton, in company with his old friend Lewis C. Allen, formerly of Bernardston. There they did an extensive and prosperous business. About 1831 they removed to Columbus, where their business ventures were attended with remarkable success. A few years prior to his death Mr. Powars retired to private life, spending his winters south and summers north. Being unmarried, he gave to his nephews and nieces that assistance in starting in life which would be expected from a parent. Nor was his benevolence confined to the members of his family. To the Unitarian church in Bernardston he presented their communion service, and to the Baptist society gave financial aid, while many, unknown to the world at large, were the recipients of his bounty. By bequest he gave to the town \$10,000, the income of which is to be forever used for the purposes of schooling, the only condition being that the town raise \$300 annually for the same purpose, and this resulted in the erection of Powers Institute, elsewhere spoken of in this work. To the Female Orphan Asylum in Columbus, Ga., he bequeathed a like sum. He d. suddenly in Chicago, Ill., June 12, 1855, the interment being here in the family lot.
- v. ABIGAIL<sup>3</sup>, m. William Reed.
- vi. SARAH<sup>3</sup>, m. John Williams.
- vii. JOANNA<sup>3</sup>, m. (1) Samuel Geay; (2) William Evans.





EDWARD ELLIS POWERS



PRENTISS, SAMUEL<sup>5</sup>, Dr., (Jonas<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>, Capt., came from England to Cambridge 1650,) b. in Stonington, Ct., 1759; d. Northfield, Mass., Dec. 3, 1818. He was a practicing physician here from 1810 to 1812, and was favorably known in his profession. Had nine children.

PURPLE, EZRA<sup>4</sup>, (probably son of Edward<sup>3</sup> of Middletown, Ct., Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup> of Haddam,) b. Jan. 16, 1747; m. Jan. 16, 1772, by Rev. John Norton, Mary Pentfield, who was born Mch. 15, 1752; d. Nov. 1, 1831. He d. July 22, 1815; lived at East Hampton, Ct.; marched on Lexington alarm; out three days. Children:

- i. LUCY<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 22, 1775; d. Feb. 11, 1776.
- ii. LUCY<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 16, 1776; m. Jonathan Smead of Greenfield, Jan. 1, 1800. She d. July 15, 1846.
- iii. MARY<sup>5</sup>, b. Aug. 25, 1778; m. William<sup>7</sup> Newcomb, May 16, 1799.
- iv. EZRA<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 19, 1780; m. Nov. 12, 1812, Clarissa, dau. Jonathan Smead of Greenfield. She d. Nov. 4, 1852. He was selectman 1811–12; d. Nov. 6, 1852; had six children.
- v. JOHN<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 16, 1783; m. Rachael<sup>7</sup>, dau. Dr. Polycarpus<sup>6</sup> Cushman. Their intention was recorded Oct. 14, 1808. She died May 10, 1810. He d. in New York, Mch. 6, 1825.
- vi. NANCY<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 22, 1786; m. May 19, 1811, Smith Hodges; d. Mch. 16, 1812.
- vii. HATSEL<sup>5</sup>, b. July 25, 1788; m. Apr. 3, 1810, Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> Green, who was b. May 29, 1787, and d. Nov. 25, 1857. He was selectman, one year excepted, 1819 to 1832 inclusive, deputy sheriff 1819–1826; was also representative. Mr. Purple always lived on the Lieut. Sheldon home site, and it was from his ownership that the Purple meadow in East Bern. derived its name. He d. Oct. 15, 1835. Had: 1. Nelson<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan. 3, 1811; m. Apr. 25, 1832, Louisa, dau. Horace Holton; resided Northfield; four children. 2. Samuel B.<sup>6</sup>, b. June 29, 1813; m. Jane A. Thomas. 3. Mary M.<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan. 15, 1815; m. Samuel J. Lyons, May 22, 1839. She d. January 17, 1847. 4. John N.<sup>6</sup>, b. July 30, 1816; m. Eliza W. Hamilton of Brimfield, Sept. 7, 1841. 5. Sarah S.<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 19, 1819; m. Dec., 1840, Whitby Foster. 6. Rosanna E.<sup>6</sup>, born Mch. 30, 1821; m. George Cowdrey. 7. Hatsell C.<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 3,

- 1825; m. Sarah Rockwood. 8. Martha M.<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec., 1826; m. David G. Field, Mch. 11, 1847.
- viii. ROSWELL<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 5, 1790; m. Mary Roberts of Gill, 1817.
- ix. CHESTER<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 25, 1793; d. Aug. 18, 1794.
- x. SALLY<sup>5</sup>, b. Mch. 11, 1795; m. Smith Hodges (second wife).
1. PUTNAM, ADONIJAH<sup>6</sup>, (Jonathan<sup>5</sup>, Elisha<sup>4</sup>, Edward<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), b. in Sutton, Oct. 6-9, 1744; m. Nov. 27, 1766, Mary Wilkins. He settled in Guilford, Vt., where he d. in 1791-2. Children:
- i. JOHN<sup>7</sup>, m.; had children; settled in the Holland Purchase, N. Y.
  - ii. ELIHU<sup>7</sup>, m.; had children; settled in the Holland Purchase, N. Y.
  - iii. ASA<sup>7</sup>, had children; settled in the Holland Purchase, N. Y.
  - iv. LEMUEL<sup>7</sup>, m.; had children.
  - v. LUCY<sup>7</sup>, d. unm.
  - vi. JANNA<sup>7</sup>, m. and had children.
2. vii. ISRAEL<sup>7</sup>.
- viii. JARED<sup>7</sup>, b. May, 1788; d. May 6, 1844.
2. PUTNAM, ISRAEL<sup>7</sup>, (Adonijah<sup>6</sup>, Jonathan<sup>5</sup>, Elisha<sup>4</sup>, Edward<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), m. Miss Ruth Wilkins (?) of Guilford, Vt. She m. (2) Chester Gaines. Children:
- i. LUCINDA<sup>8</sup>, b. 1809; d. Sept. 26, 1861, ae. 52. She was for many years blind.
  - ii. ISRAEL<sup>8</sup>, b. June 12, 1811; m. (1) Sept. 5, 1837, Maria H.<sup>7</sup>, dau. Pliney<sup>6</sup> Warner. She was b. Dec. 7, 1811; d. May 7, 1866. He m. (2) Oct. 21, 1868, Mrs. Laura, dau. of Francis Hurd, and widow of Henry Kimball. She was of North Adams; was b. Apr. 19, 1838; d. May 2, 1893. He came to town from Guilford, Vt., probably not far from the time of his first marriage, built the house now owned by the Pratts at North Bernardston, which for many years was his home. This he sold, and bought the Pliney Warner, Jr., place, where the last of his life was spent. For many years he was postmaster at the village. He d. Nov. 3, 1891. Had: 1. Mariette Francelia<sup>9</sup>, b. Jan. 2, 1840; m. Dec. 17, 1861, Col. Arad H. Howe of Vernon, Vt. He is dead; she resides Greenfield; one son, Warren Maynard Howe, b. Nov. 23, 1863. 2. Ellen Maria<sup>9</sup>, b. Feb. 15, 1841; resides with her sister, Mrs. Howe, in Greenfield; unm. For many years she was a

successful teacher in Bernardston and the adjoining towns. 3. Eliza Jerusha<sup>9</sup>, b. Dec. 18, 1843; d. Dec. 9, 1872. 4. Mary Ruth Lucinda<sup>9</sup>, b. June 6, 1850; d. Sept. 25, 1868. By second wife: 5. Frank Warner<sup>9</sup>, b. Apr. 17, 1870; m. Bertha, dau. Woodburn Franklin of Guilford, Vt., Nov. 16, 1899. He resides on the place recently owned by the late Pierce Chapin, in the west part of the town. 6. Arthur Hurd<sup>9</sup>, b. Aug. 20, 1872; m. May 29, 1899, Jessie May, dau. of James A. Horton of Greenfield. They reside in Greenfield. He is a printer by trade. Has: 1. Bernard Horton<sup>10</sup>, b. Apr. 30, 1900.

G. BAXTER READ<sup>3</sup>, (Silas<sup>2</sup>, b. in Thetford, Vt., Feb. 1, 1806, Rufus<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 27, 1849, in Fairlee, Vt.; m. Frances V., dau. of Lewis Pillsbury of Enfield, N. H., June 5, 1869. Mr. Read came here from Vernon, Vt., June 25, 1896, and purchased the New England House. He has one daughter:

i. BESSIE A.<sup>4</sup>, b. June 20, 1872; m. Frank L. Reed, and resides in Brattleboro, Vt.

RIDDLE, ROBERT, parentage not known, b. 1708; m. Mary Thompson, who was b. 1726; d. May 27, 1759. He resided in the part of the town known as the Gore, later Colrain; d. Sept. 14, 1787; three children.

RISLEY, DAVID<sup>2</sup>, (David<sup>1</sup>), of Glastenbury, Ct.; was of Northfield 1760, then of Greenfield, later of Bernardston; m. Oct. 25, 1764, Hannah, dau. of Ebenezer Severance. Many of the children in this family found for themselves homes in Gill, as, it is probable, did the father also; ten children.

ROOT, Capt. OLIVER<sup>1</sup>, (Moses<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup> of Badby, Eng., Thomas<sup>2</sup> being the one who settled first in this country at Hartford, Ct., 1637), b. in Montague, Feb. 18, 1778, the sixth child of Moses<sup>6</sup> and Anna (Bardwell) Root. Moses<sup>6</sup> was b. Oct. 7, 1742; wife, Anna Bardwell, b. Mch. 29, 1743. He m. (1) Oct. 10, 1805, Sarah, dau. of Rev. Job Wright. She was b. Aug. 16, 1783; d. Nov. 21, 1827, without children. He m. (2) Sept. 7, 1829, Elizabeth, dau. of Ephraim and Clarissa (Larrabee) Nichols of Greenfield. She



d. Jan. 22, 1868, ae. 74. Captain Root was deacon of the Unitarian church, selectman in 1821—1830, 33 and 4. Mr. Root's first residence in town was on Huckle Hill, the place later owned by Hoyt Chapin, and near the second site of the meeting-house. His later home was on South street, the place now owned by his son, Henry O. Root. He d. July 19, 1856. Children:

- i. HENRY O.<sup>8</sup>, b. June 30, 1830; m. Nov. 25, 1858, Alma Ophelia, dau. of John F. and Alcy (Weeks) Hale. She was b. Sept. 16, 1834. Mr. Root was selectman from 1866 to 1884, inclusive; also for 1886; his long term of service testifying to his townsmen's esteem. His home is on South street. Had: 1. Frank O.<sup>9</sup>, b. Aug. 23, 1859; m. Dec. 8, 1885, Sarah Louise<sup>7</sup>, dau. Paul J.<sup>6</sup> and Sarah (Boyle) Allen; resides in Rochester, N. Y.; salesman. 2. Elizabeth M.<sup>9</sup>, b. May 20; d. Sept. 20, 1866. 3. Warren H.<sup>9</sup>, b. Aug. 9, 1870; m. Jan. 1, 1902, Elizabeth C.<sup>6</sup>, dau. of Edson Hale and widow of Alfred Cushman. Mr. Root was for several years salesman for McIntosh & Co. of Springfield, Mass.; now resides in Bernardston.
- ii. SARAH ELIZABETH<sup>8</sup>, b. Oct. 13; 1833; m. Feb. 22, 1860, Thomas Holton; resides Winchester, Mass.

ROOT, Major SAMUEL<sup>7</sup>, (Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, of Hartford 1637, John<sup>1</sup> of Badby, Eng.), b. at Southington, Ct., Feb. 11, 1763. At the age of 16 Major Root enlisted in the Revolutionary army, serving three years, and was for a time orderly for General Washington. He was a man of great courage, as is shown by the following: An exceedingly dangerous mission having to be undertaken, a call for volunteers was made. Samuel Root was the first to respond, but because of his extreme youth, Washington would not accept him. Throughout his service he was a man known as without fear. As a civilian he held the office of selectman in 1810, 11, and 1825. He m. Feb. 3, 1785, Lucy Couch, who was b. in Meriden, Ct., in 1767, resided in this place 64 years, and d. May 24, 1849. He d. Dec. 18, 1829. His home was the farm now owned by Ralph Cushman, North Bernardston. Children:

- i. JAMES COUCH<sup>8</sup>, b. Oct. 30, 1785; m. Caroline<sup>3</sup>, dau. of Captain John<sup>2</sup> Hale, Apr. 15, 1812. She was b. Apr. 1, 1790; d. Jan. 12, 1884. He d. Sept. 21, 1858. He resided on the Fox Brook road, the place now owned by George Lanphear. Had: 1. James Dwight<sup>9</sup>, b. Jan. 31, 1813; d. June 10, 1887; m. Miss Miner of Leyden. Had Herman, who is m. 2. Carolina Louisa<sup>9</sup>, b. May 1, 1815; m. June 13, 1843, Oliver Chapin, and many years resided in Beaver Meadow, Leyden. He d. several years ago, and she resides with her nephew, Herman. 3. Harriet Catharine<sup>9</sup>, b. Oct. 25, 1817; d. Dec. 26, 1837. 4. Har-ley Alonzo<sup>9</sup>, b. Dec. 19, 1821; d. Mch. 25, 1832.
- ii. SARAH<sup>8</sup>, b. July 8, 1789; m. Sept. 19, 1809, Ralph<sup>7</sup> Cushman; d. June 24, 1834.
- iii. SYLVANDER<sup>8</sup>, b. Aug. 22, 1791; d. Sept. 4, 1825, at Waterford, N. Y., or Ohio.
- iv. HARLEY<sup>8</sup>, b. Dec. 14, 1793; d. Feb. 19, 1843.
- v. SAMUEL<sup>8</sup>, b. June 5, 1795-6; m. (1) Dec. 10, 1820, Mary S., dau. Dr. Samuel Flagg of Bern. She d. Aug. 16, 1827, æ. 30. He m. (2) Jan. 7, 1828, Fanny, dau. Dr. Morgan of Leyden; resided Saratoga Springs, N. Y., where he d. in 1859. Had: 1. Frederick Stanley<sup>9</sup>, b. Sept. 1, 1821; became a prominent and successful lawyer in Saratoga, N. Y.; was married; d. Mch. 13, 1861. 2. Francis Fayette<sup>9</sup>, b. Sept. 17, 1823; resided New Haven, Ct. 3. Mary Frances<sup>9</sup>, b. Sept. 11, 1829; d. in Saratoga, N. Y., Nov. 23, 1861.
- vi. LUCY<sup>8</sup>, b. Oct. 17, 1798; d. Oct. 22, 1861.
- vii. JOHN MILTON<sup>8</sup>, b. Feb. 17, 1801; d. Oct. 25, 1859.
- viii. CHLOE<sup>8</sup>, b. Mch. 4, 1803; m. Erie<sup>7</sup>, son of Solomon<sup>6</sup> Chapin; re-sided New York State.
- xi. ALMIRA LOISA<sup>8</sup>, b. June 3, 1807; d. Aug. 25, 1827.

RYTHER, or RIDER, as the name was spelled prior to 1790-1800.

1. RYTHER, DANIEL<sup>2</sup>, (William<sup>1</sup>, who m. Hannah Lovet in Water-town), b. Nov. 25, 1683, in Sherborn; m. Elizabeth Adams. Children:
  - i. HANNAH<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 17, 1712; probably that one of Deerfield who m. Aug. 3, 1737, Joseph Bascom.
  - ii. JAMES<sup>3</sup>, b. Mch. 9, 1715, in Sherborn; m. and had a family; was in Deerfield early, but finally settled in the Greenfield district.

In Sheldon's History of Deerfield, the family of his son Daniel, who settled in Conway, is given as the family of David who settled in Bernardston. (Conway Town Records, 1796). It was James' *brother* David who settled in Bern.

- iii. DANIEL<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 13, 1717.
- 2. iv. DAVID<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 15, 1719.
  - v. PETER<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 26, 1722.
  - vi. PHINEAS<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 16, 1724.
  - vii. JOSEPH<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 13, 1731.
- 2. RYTHER, Lieut. DAVID<sup>3</sup>, (Daniel<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.) b. Aug. 15, 1719, in Sherborn; came to town among the first settlers. "Feb. 25, 1741-2, Lot No. 37 in the new town was sold at a public sale to satisfy a tax of £22. David Rider bid £48½, and the same was deeded to him by the tax committee, viz:—Thomas Wells, Eliezer Hawks, Elijah Williams and Ebenr Barnard." In this record (Book 19 Springfield Registry), he is described as David Rider of Deerfield, husbandman. The right purchased belonged to a Mr. Chace. He settled upon what is known as the Isaac Burrows place, a half mile north of the village. In 1756-7, (the time when so many left town), he was recorded as a soldier from Hadley, later again as from Fall Town. At one time he is spoken of as from Northfield. Dec. 11, 1755 to Oct. 18, 1756, he was in Israel Williams' Co., scouting to the westward, also in service at Bridgmans, Vt., under Capt. Phineas Stephens. His name was on John Burk's enlistment roll ending Nov. 30, 1758. From 1750 to 1775, he held minor town offices: selectman 1775, 1783, Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety 1778. August 14, 1781, he gave to his son David, Jr., Lot No. 36, 1st division, 50 acres, which he bought of Ebenezer Barnard, "bounded E. and S. by my own land, W. by Dr. Polycarpus Cushman, N. by Stephen Websters land." He m. about 1745, Martha, dau. of Daniel and Rebecca (Boltwood) Shattuck. She was b. in 1725 in Northfield; d. Nov. 12, 1802. He d. June 6, 1804. Children:
  - i. HANNAH<sup>4</sup>, b. May 10, 1746, in Northfield; m. Jan. 7, 1766, Ichabod Warner; d. Aug. 6, 1815.

- ii. DAVID<sup>4</sup>, b. Sept. 10, 1747, in Hadley. "Died 20th." (Sept. 1747?)
- iii. PETER<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 23, 1749, in Hadley; drowned May 24, 1771, at Turners Falls.
3. iv. HOPHN<sup>4</sup>, b. Apr. 2, 1751, in Fall Town.
- v. REBECCA<sup>4</sup>, b. May 23, 1753, in Fall Town; m. (1) Nov. 13, 1770, Samuel<sup>4</sup> Connabel. He d. Apr. 29, 1794. She was published Feb. 2, 1799, with Judge John Bridgman of Hinsdale, N. H. She d. in Bern. Apr. 20, 1837.
- vi. MARTHA<sup>4</sup>, b. Apr. 10, 1755 in Fall Town; m. July 25, 1775, Dea. John<sup>6</sup> Hunt of Leyden. He d. July 14, 1819. She d. Mch. 19, 1831.
4. vii. DAVID<sup>4</sup>, b. Mch. 15, 1758.
- viii. JOHN<sup>4</sup>, b. Feb. 14, 1760; d. Sept. 30, 1767.
- ix. ANNA<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 24, 1763; d. Oct. 30, 1765.
- x. ELIHU<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 9, 1765; d. Sept. 30, 1767.
5. xi. GIDEON<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 28, 1768.

Lieut. David's will, executed in 1802, is signed David Rider, but in the copy made by his son Gideon, the spelling is changed to Ryther. In the division of his estate his daughter Hannah's, "Miss Warner's part," was as follows:

Brass Kittle	£1	0	s.	0	d.
Quart cup 2-6		4	"		
Wash tub 1-6		9	"		
Fall leaf table		10	"		
Warming pan		10	"		
Two Woolen sheats		9	"		
One stripped bed quilt		12	"	6	"
Five yards of Cloth		2	"		
Table Cloth	£1	15	"		
Seven Sheats		7	"	9	"
Six Towels		4	"		
Four Pillow Cases		4	"		
Pillion		1	"	8	"
2 plates at yd 10. 2 bowls 10.				6	"
Wine Glass		3	"	4	"
Other Crockery		1	"		
White Pitcher		7	"	1	"
Pewter		3	"		
Looking glass				8	"
Tin tunnel					
		9		6	
	7	1		1	

3. RYTHER, HOPHNI<sup>4</sup>, (Lieut. David<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.) b. Apr. 2, 1751 in Fall Town; m. May 6, 1773, Sarah<sup>4</sup>, dau. of Samuel<sup>3</sup> Connable. She was b. in Sunderland, May, 1751. He enlisted in Revolutionary army Feb. 16, 1776, in Capt. Thomas Alexander's Co. of Northfield. He d. June 13, 1776, in the retreat from Quebec, probably Sorel, P. Q. Mrs. Ryther m. (2) ——— Ingraham. She d. in 1804. Children:
- i. JAMES<sup>5</sup>, b. May 11, 1774; m. July 20, 1802, Lois Pierce. He d. in Orange, Ohio, Sept. 27, 1854; had six children.
  - ii. PETER<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 8, 1775; m. in 1798, Anna, dau. Roland and Dorothy (Lindsay) Blackmer of Buckland. She was b. in Ashfield, July 29, 1774; d. in Leroyville, N. Y., Feb. 14, 1842. He was a blacksmith by trade; removed to Bridgewater, N. Y., where he d. Aug. or Apr., 1814. Had: 1. Sarah Amarilla<sup>6</sup>, b. Apr. 21, 1799. 2. Peter Hophni<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan. 11, 1801. There were eight others, born after their removal to New York.
4. RYTHER, DAVID<sup>4</sup>, (Lieut. David<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.) b. Mch. 15, 1758; m. (1) Zurviah Smalley, (probably of North Bern.), Jan. 3, 1782. She d. Mch. 4, 1813, ae. 48; m. (2) June 9, 1814, Widow Abigail (Wright) Starkweather. She d. March 4, 1827, ae. 57. He was a farmer, living on Snow Hill in the east part of the town; d. June 11, 1831. Children:
- i. ASA<sup>5</sup>, b. Dec. 19, 1782; rem. in 1805, to Sutton, Vt., where he d. Feb. 10, 1859.
  - ii. JOHN<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 27, 1785; d. Mch. 1, 1797.
  - iii. LEFE<sup>5</sup>, b. Mch. 1, 1787; d. July 4, 1858.
  - iv. ANNA<sup>5</sup>, b. Apr. 26, 1789; m. J. H. Smith; rem. to Wisconsin.
  - v. JEREMIAH<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 31, 1791; m. and d. in New York State.
6. vi. ERASTUS<sup>5</sup>, b. July 8, 1796.
- vii. CHESTER<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 3, 1800; m. Harriet<sup>6</sup>, dau. Israel<sup>5</sup> Bagg, Mch., 1822; rem. to West Day, N. Y.
  - viii. SALLY MARIA<sup>5</sup>, b. Dec. 25, 1805; m. (1) Elisha Starkweather; (2) in 1830, Prince Snow. (second wife). She d. Sept. 23, 1876.
5. RYTHER, Dr. GIDEON<sup>4</sup>, (Lieut. David<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.) born Nov. 28, 1768. August 25, 1790, he graduated from Dart-



mouth College, being then 22 years of age. The following is a copy of a letter written him by his father about this time:

BERNARDSTON, Jan. 12, 1790.

Dear Son. these lines are to inform you that we are all well and in good health and hope these linens (*lines?*) will find you well.

I do send to you by Levi Warner 96 pounds of pork, 75 pounds of chees. and 40 pounds of Butter, 5 pounds of Sugar, half a pound of tea, 6 Dozen of Candles, a pair of stockings to be sold, a bushel of Dryed Apples, a vial of rattlesnake grease, some sassages in the pork barrel, half a bushel of salt, a barrel  $\mathcal{L}$  0-3-6. and a pair of shoes, a gallon of rum two dollars of money.

So I remain your Honored Father,

DAVID RIDER.

We can imagine that the advent of this home box was hailed with delight by this college senior of 100 years ago. He studied medicine with Dr. Samuel Prentiss, then of Northfield, and Dr. Polycarpus Cushman. In 1795, as the third resident physician, he began his practice here. In early life he filled the offices of town clerk for eleven years, town treasurer eight years, selectman and assessor six years, and in 1795, represented the town in the General Court. He was the first postmaster, being appointed Apr. 8, 1813, and holding the office 26 years, until his death, Sept. 13, 1833.

Dr. Ryther was remarkable for his chirography, which was not only much superior to that of his contemporaries, but would also admit a favorable comparison with that of later generations. It was of the old style "copy hand" and as seen upon the old record-books to-day, reveals both neatness and beauty. He m. Oct. 10, 1791, Sylvia, dau. Capt. Thomas Alexander of Northfield. She was b. Nov. 16, 1764; d. in Brattleboro, Vt., May 25, 1850. He d. Sept. 13, 1833. His home was a part of the original Ryther farm, and was later owned by his son William E. Children:

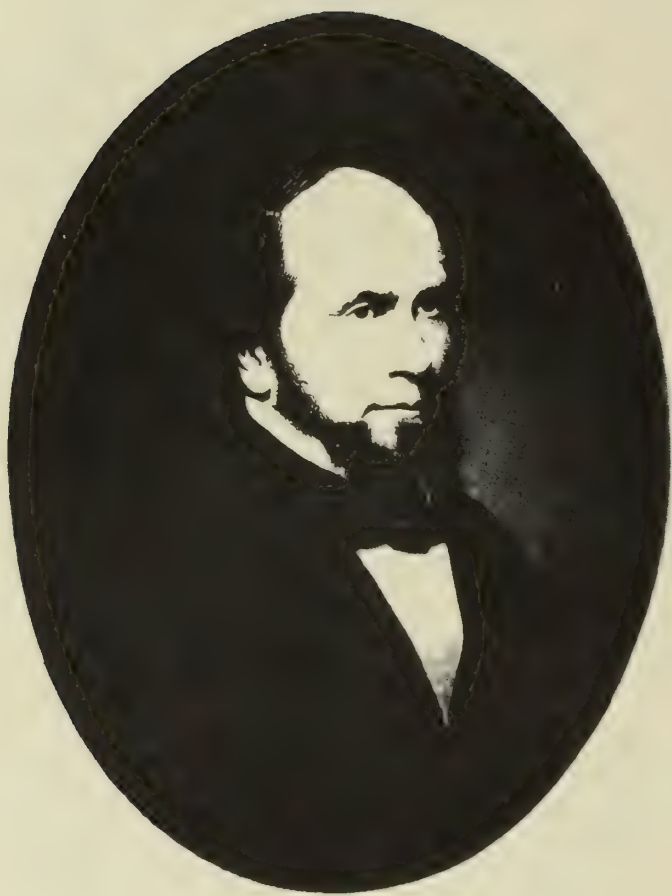
- i. ALPHA<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 2, 1792; m. Feb. 17, 1818, Amelia<sup>3</sup>, dau. Gama-liel<sup>2</sup> Kingsley. She was b. Mch. 27, 1790; d. Nov. 10, 1879, in Dover, Vt. Mr. Ryther was ensign in the war of 1812, and clerk of his company under command of David Strickland of Greenfield. Resided in Dover, Vt., where he d. July 17, 1874. Had six children.

- ii. PATTY<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 3 or 6, 1793; m. 1813, Joseph Pickett of Greenfield. She d. Sept. 8, 1851.
- iii. ALEXANDER<sup>5</sup>, b. Aug. 1, 1795; m. 1820, Electa Remington of Montague. He d. Mch. 31, 1880, in Greenfield.
- iv. SOPHIA<sup>5</sup>, b. Mch. 12, 1797; d. Oct. 5, 1857; unm.
- v. CHARLES JARVIS<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 26, 1799; d. May 17, 1850.
- vi. DWIGHT LYMAN<sup>5</sup>, b. Apr. 9, 1801; d. Sept. 13, 1834; unm.
- vii. SYLVIA ALEXANDER<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 17, 1803; m. (1) Thomas A.<sup>8</sup> Snow, Apr. 24, 1831; m. (2) Apr. 21, 1840, George Holton; died June 15, 1888.
- viii. WILLIAM EATON<sup>5</sup>, b. Apr. 5, 1807; m. (1) Feb. 28, 1836, Delia P. Jewett. She was b. June 29, 1810; d. Nov. 5, 1855; m. (2) June 7, 1859, Martha Clark of Dummerston, Vt. She was b. Oct. 30, 1819. Mr. Ryther was a printer by trade, being for some time in business in Brattleboro, Vt. He d. in Bern. Aug. 1, 1892. Had: 1. William Eaton<sup>6</sup>, b. Sept. 18, 1837; d. Dec. 16, 1838. 2. William Gideon<sup>6</sup>, b. Sept. 6, 1839; d. June 5, 1840. 3. Daniel Jewett<sup>6</sup>, b. June 5, 1841; d. Sept. 28, 1865. 4. Frances Elizabeth<sup>6</sup>, b. May 4, 1843; m. Mch. 12, 1863, Frederick<sup>8</sup> Chapin; d. May 14, 1865. 5. Dwight Lyman<sup>6</sup>, b. Nov. 5, 1845; d. Dec. 3, 1874. 6. Charles S.<sup>6</sup>, b. Apr. 22, 1850; d. June 20, 1852. 7. George Holton<sup>6</sup>, b. Apr. 20, 1852; m. Martha Dickinson; was a lawyer, residing in Boston; d. in 1899, in Colorado.

6. RYTHER, ERASTUS<sup>5</sup>, (David<sup>4</sup>, Lieut. David<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.) b. July 8, 1796; m. Nov. 1815, Philena, dau. of Josiah Parmenter. She d. Feb. 24, 1881. For two years, 1831-3, he resided in Bloomfield, Vt. Children:

- i. ZURVIAH SMALLEY<sup>6</sup>, b. June 29, 1816; m. Oct. 8, 1838, Nelson Blake. She d. Jan., 1890.
- ii. LOREN H.<sup>6</sup>, b. Mch. 8, 1819; m. Jan. 1, 1852, Eunice Burrows of Guilford, Vt.; resides East Bern.; children.
- iii. HARRIET MARIA<sup>6</sup>, b. Nov. 17, 1821; d. Apr. 27, 1845; unm.
- iv. JEFFERSON PRINCE<sup>6</sup>, b. Mch. 21, 1825.
- v. JOHN MADISON<sup>6</sup>, b. Mch. 21, 1825; m. May 17, 1853, Eliza M.<sup>4</sup>, dau. of Benjamin<sup>9</sup> Green. She d. Jan. 18, 1898, in Greenfield. He d. Jan. 18, 1890. His home was the site of the old Conna-





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- ble Fort. Had: 1. Lizzie M.<sup>7</sup>, m. 1881, William Smith; res. Greenfield. 2. Clarence<sup>7</sup>, resides North Bern.
- vi. ABIGAIL R.<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 12, 1827; d. Oct. 24, 1845; unm.
- vii. MARTHA L.<sup>6</sup>, b. Oct. 23, 1829; m. (1) L. P. Chapin, Sept. 1, 1853; (2) Dec. 6, 1900, Alfred M. Stratton.
- viii. DWIGHT G.<sup>6</sup>, b. July 21, 1833; d. unm.
- ix. MARY L.<sup>6</sup>, b. Sept. 7, 1836; d. Feb. 11, 1859; unm.

SANDERSON, DANIEL<sup>9</sup>, (Abraham<sup>5</sup> of Sunderland, Joseph<sup>4</sup> of Groton, Ct., Joseph<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>.) b. 1782; came hither from Sunderland; m. Nov. 20, 1805, Meriam<sup>2</sup>, dau. of William Fox. She was b. June 18, 1782; d. Dec. 7, 1854. He was a carpenter, residing on the place now owned by Miss Harris. He d. Oct. 15, 1861. Children:

- i. LIVONA MAHITABLE<sup>7</sup>, b. Oct. 5, 1806; m. (1) Apr. 27, 1828, Erastus H. Benton; m. (2) Justin<sup>6</sup> Bagg; m. (3) Mch. 3, 1863, Luke Martin of Gill; m. (4) June 13, 1865, Joseph Warner.
- ii. MERRY MIRANDA<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 14, 1808; d. Aug. 19, 1810.
- iii. MARY MIRANDA<sup>7</sup>, b. Nov. 5, 1810; m. David A. Hubbard of Sunderland, Nov. 8, 1831; m. (2) Apr. 25, 1838, Saml. T. Hill of North Amherst.
- iv. SARAH E.<sup>7</sup>, b. July 24, 1815; m. Oct. 11, 1837, Clinton J. Cowles of Amherst; d. Oct. 18, 1894.
- v. EMILY CARPENTER<sup>7</sup>, b. Jan. 31, 1818; d. Oct. 5, 1841.
- vi. DANIEL DWIGHT<sup>7</sup>, b. Apr. 23, 1820; d. Oct. 5, 1839.
- vii. WILLIAM A.<sup>7</sup>, b. Feb. 2, 1823; d. May 8, 1844.

SANDERSON, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, (John<sup>3</sup>, and Lydia Morton of Petersham, Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, and Molly Curtis, Nathaniel<sup>1</sup> and ——— Drury of Framingham 1734), b. July 10, 1814.

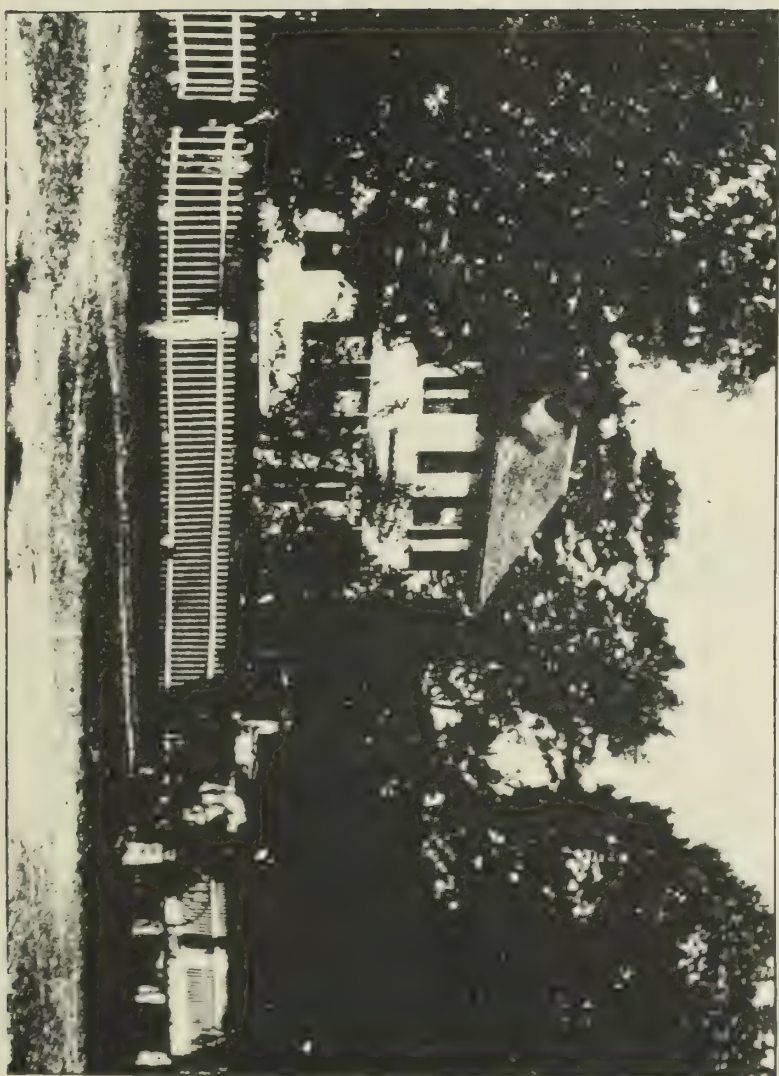
The grandfather, Jonathan<sup>2</sup> Sanderson, saw Revolutionary service, taking part in the battle of Bunker Hill, the gun which he then carried being now in the possession of his great-grandson, Lavalette Scott of Greenfield.

The father, John<sup>3</sup>, a man whose integrity, energy and financial ability were transmitted to his descendants, met sudden death July 25, 1831, being gored by oxen. The management of his large estate, acquired principally from



his business, that of a tanner, thus devolved upon his son John<sup>4</sup>, the only other and younger son Horatio M., surviving his father but four years, and that when John was but 17 years of age. To this task he brought that rare tact and good judgment which ever after characterized his business transactions, and won for him signal success in all his undertakings, enabling him to become possessed of one of the most valuable and finest estates in Franklin County. When a young man he removed with his mother to Bernardston, and for two years was employed as clerk by Col. Aretas Ferry. Although neither seeking nor ordinarily accepting political preferment, he was, nevertheless, Senator from Franklin County for the year 1861. Originally casting his lot with the Whigs, upon the formation of the Republican party he ever afterwards identified himself with the latter. But for the most part, his was the quiet home life with strict attention to the most minute details of business. He was for nearly ten years president of Powers Institute, for which he did much. He was trustee of Cushman Library, and through his liberality the hall over the Library was built. He also contributed liberally to the support of both the Unitarian and Baptist societies, and to the building fund of the latter, being one of the building committee. Of the former, he was for nearly thirty years parish clerk and treasurer. He was an honorary trustee and life member of the Franklin County Agricultural Society, and life member of the Worcester West Agricultural Society, a trustee in the Franklin Institution for Savings, and upon the organization of the Greenfield Savings Bank, became its president, which office he held many years. For a number of years he was a director and subsequently president of the Franklin County National Bank. His life-long record of public trusts was an eloquent testimonial of the esteem in which he was held. He m. Oct. 29, 1840, Mary, dau. of Elihu Osgood of Wendell. She was b. in 1816, and d. Jan. 27, 1890. Mr. Sanderson d. July 12, 1898. Children:

i. JOHN HORATIO<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 1, 1841; entered business life in the



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Springfield, afterward Second National Bank at Springfield, Mass., remaining a number of years. He next engaged in mercantile business in the south, and later in Chicago. In 1873 he became associated with the late Henry W. Warner at Nash's Mills, Greenfield, in the manufacture of hardware and baby-carriage trimmings. In 1888 a corporation was formed, and upon the death of Mr. Warner, Mr. Sanderson succeeded to the presidency, which position he still holds. He has also added the manufacture of cutlery to the business interests of his firm. His good judgment in financial affairs has brought to him honor and offices of trust, succeeding his father as president of the Franklin County National Bank, which office he still holds. He is likewise director in the Greenfield Electric Light and Power Company, and prominently connected with the social life of the town; m. Jennie, dau. of Gen. Walter Smith of Mobile, Ala., May 7, 1879; no children.

- ii. LAVALETTE O.<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 16, 1845; d. Oct. 14, 1874.
- iii. LUCIEN MORTON<sup>5</sup>, b. June 5, 1846; d. Feb. 19, 1857.
- iv. HENRY HUNT<sup>5</sup>, b. July 13, 1848; d. Aug. 19, 1887.
- v. MARY OSGOOD<sup>5</sup>, b. July 7, 1850; m. Andrew J. Wood, May 25, 1876. She d. Sept. 27, 1897. He d. at Los Angeles, Cal., December 31, 1899.
- vi. ELLERY HERBERT<sup>5</sup>, b. Aug. 14, 1853; res. Bern.; unm.
- vii. MARIA<sup>5</sup>, b. Dec. 10, 1855.
- viii. LYDIA<sup>5</sup>, b. July 29, 1857; m. Feb. 26, 1879, Charles W. Scott; resides Greenfield. Has: 1. Lavalette<sup>6</sup>, b. Nov. 17, 1879. 2. Charles Rufus<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 19, 1895.
- ix. LUCIEN<sup>5</sup>, b. June 3, 1859; m. Clara Noyes, dau. of Wm. F. Sherwin of Boston, June 11, 1889. Has: 1. Marie Sanderson<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 22, 1897; res. New Haven, Ct., being engaged in the mercantile business.

1. SCOTT, MOSES<sup>3</sup> Capt. (Josiah<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>, who settled in Hatfield in 1688, and who was in the Falls Fight), b. Feb. 3, 1713. Was by trade a "carpenter and builder," and built or worked upon the forts erected here, also the first bridges; was one of the pioneers of the town, and was given an allotment of land on account of the services of his grandfather in the Falls Fight. He m. Aug. 24, 1742, Miriam, dau. of Ebenezer

Nash of Hadley. She was carried a captive from Fort Massachusetts to Canada, where she d. in a prison house in Quebec, Dec. 11, 1746. In her company were her husband, two children, and cousins, Joseph and Stephen Scott. Rev. John Norton in his diary thus records her death: "Dec. 11, (1746) Died, Miriam, the wife of Moses Scott. She was taken with me at Fort Massachusetts: she got a cold in the journey which proved fatal, her circumstances being peculiar. She was never well after our arrival in Canada, but wasted away to a skeleton and lost the use of her limbs."

Capt. Scott returned to Bernardston Aug. 26, 1747; m. a second time, and was for many years one of the leading men of the place. His farm included all the meadow land north of the present village as far as the old cemetery, and the upland on the east now known as the Warner place. His house was the first east of the iron bridge. His military service was as follows: In Capt. Israel Williams' Co., stationed at Colrain Oct. 19, 1756, to Jan. 23, 1757; on John Burk's enlistment ending Nov. 30, 1758.

He was selectman in 1762-3, 1773, 78, 80, constable and collector 1764. At a very early date he built the saw mill near the iron bridge, and for many years run the same. He is described as being a man of powerful physique, six feet in height; during the last years of his life he was blind. He d. July 23, 1799.

- i. EBENEZER<sup>4</sup>, b. Sept. 18, 1743; the first white male child b. in Fall Town. He, with his parents, was carried captive to Canada in 1746. When his father was released he was unable to secure the liberation of Ebenezer, who had been sold to an Indian. Three years later Capt. Scott returned to Quebec to redeem him. He found that his son had lost all knowledge of his mother-tongue, and fleetly ran from his father into the woods. At last the father succeeded in taking him home, but the boy was so thoroughly imbued with the customs of the Indians, that he was often found wrapped in his blanket lying upon the floor, rather than in bed. He m. Mch. 12, 1772, Love Fairman of Connecticut. He honorably served in the Revolution, and re-



ceived a pension. After the war he purchased land in Vernon, Vt., of Artemas Cushman, the deed being dated Dec. 30, 1784. He d. in Vernon, Mch. 3, 1826. His wife was b. Jan. 26, 1748; d. Mch. 23, 1826. Their descendants still live upon a portion of the same farm.

ii. MOSES<sup>4</sup>, b. 1745; d. in captivity in Canada Feb. 11, 1747.

By second wife:

2. iii. MOSES<sup>4</sup>, b. about 1753.

iv. MIRIAN<sup>4</sup>, b. May 12, 1760; m. Mch. 29, 1780, Joseph<sup>6</sup>, a descendant of Rev. Hope Atherton; d. Mch. 3, 1844.

3. v. ELIHU<sup>4</sup>, b. 1764.

vi. ANNA<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 25, 1767; m. May 24, 1791, Lieut. Samuel<sup>2</sup> Hale of Gill.

vii. TAMAR<sup>4</sup>, probably, who m. (1) ——— Hale, who was drowned in Connecticut River. She m. (2) Joseph Aldrich of Guilford, Vt.

2. SCOTT, MOSES<sup>4</sup>, (Capt. Moses<sup>3</sup>, Josiah<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), b. about 1753; m. Elizabeth or Deborah, dau. of Daniel Slate. "Died in Scriber, N. Y., at the residence of Capt. Chester Wright, Miss Deborah, widow of Moses Scott, Oct. 26, 1836, ae. 87." He was out Apr. 16, 1780-1, for three years' service. 1775-6, Moses Scott, Jr., carried blankets to Cambridge for soldiers belonging to this town. He d. Mch. 1830. Children:

i. ELIJAH<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 2, 1774; d. Sept. 13, 1777.

ii. SABRA<sup>5</sup>, b. June 24, 1776; m. Abraham Foster of Bernardston Mch. 15, 1794.

4. iii. RUFUS<sup>5</sup>, b. Apr. 28, 1778.

iv. ASAPH<sup>5</sup>, b. Mch. 25, 1780; m. Mary Marley of Gill. Their intention was recorded Oct. 5, 1805. Had: 1. Emerancy Climena<sup>6</sup>, b. June 16, 1806. 2. Sylvia Sophronia<sup>6</sup>. 3. Child<sup>6</sup>, d. December 14, 1810, ae. 7 mos.

v. POLLY<sup>5</sup>, b. May 26, 1782.

vi. LOVINA<sup>5</sup>, b. May 16, 1784; m. (1) 1804, Aaron<sup>6</sup> Field; (2) Nov. 26, 1812, Timothy<sup>2</sup> Hale; d. Sept. 12, 1863.

vii. CAROLINA<sup>5</sup>, b. Mch. 15, 1786.

viii. BETSEY<sup>5</sup>, b. June 7, 1788.

ix. SALLY<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 27, 1793; m. Capt. Chester Wright.

x. LORA<sup>5</sup>, b. June 14, 1797; m. Benjamin Smith Sept. 23, 1821.

3. SCOTT, ELIHU<sup>4</sup>, (Capt. Moses<sup>3</sup>, Josiah<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.) b. 1764; m. Oct. 17, 1792, Hannah Andrews of Guilford, Vt. She d. Mch. 24, 1851, ae. 78. He d. Apr. 22, 1840. Children:
- i. ZORAH<sup>5</sup>, b. July 5, 1793; m. Abigail Orvis Apr. 4, 1814. She d. Aug. 22, 1884. He d. Aug. 19, 1884. Had: 1. Catherine E.<sup>7</sup>, b. Jan. 29, 1815; d. July 24, 1815. 2. Henry Alonzo<sup>7</sup>, b. November 24, 1816; m. and resided Colrain. 3. Catharine M.<sup>7</sup>, b. July 16, 1819; m. Dennison Davis; resided Putney, Vt. 4. Almira Adeline<sup>7</sup>, b. July 3, 1822; m. ——— Cheney; d. 5. Malitta<sup>7</sup>, m. Mr. Fuller; res. North Adams. 6. James M.<sup>7</sup>, res. Aurora, Ill.
  - ii. OREB<sup>5</sup>, b. July 12, 1795; d. Aug. 14, 1795.
  - iii. HENRY<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 2, 1796; d. in Watertown, N. Y. A daughter m. Henry A. Scott of Colrain.
  - iv. PHILENA<sup>5</sup>, b. Aug. 12, 1798; m. Aug. 19, 1817, Charles Jarvis<sup>7</sup> Newcomb; resides Trenton, Wis.
  - v. ROXSELLENY<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 16, 1800; m. Andrew Middleton of Wis.
  - vi. EMERANCY CLIMENA<sup>5</sup>, born Oct. 6, 1803; m. Zalmuna Chapin, Apr. 27, 1824.
  - vii. JAMES SULLIVAN<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 19, 1807; resides Wis.
4. SCOTT, RUFUS<sup>5</sup>, (Moses<sup>4</sup>, Capt. Moses<sup>3</sup>, Josiah<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.) born Apr. 28, 1778; m. Feb. 17, 1799, Polly Nichols. Children:
- i. ALVAH BALLARD<sup>6</sup>, b. July 20, 1799; d. Oct. 23, 1819, at Braunford, Ct.
  - ii. STEPHEN VAN RANSALAER<sup>6</sup>, b. Mch. 31, 1801; m. 1825, Mary<sup>2</sup>, dau. John Hamilton of Bernardston. He d. and she m. (2) June, 1835, Ezra Purple<sup>6</sup> Newcomb. She was b. Dec. 19, 1804; d. Apr. 12, 1888. Had: 1. Arnold H.<sup>7</sup>, b. Mch. 10, 1826. When a young man he had the misfortune to lose his eye sight. For many years he has gone about town unaided, carrying the mails and making himself of general use to the inhabitants, thereby accumulating quite a property; unm. 2. Theresa A.<sup>7</sup>, b. May 10, 1828.
  - iii. HARRIET L.<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 18, 1803,
  - iv. MARY LURANCY<sup>6</sup>, b. May 27, 1805; m. Feb. 1, 1826, ——— Wood of Newport, N. Y.
  - v. CHARLOTTE<sup>6</sup>, b. May 27, 1807; m. Sept. 12, 1827, Lyman Strickland of Bern.



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- vi. RUFUS BRADLEY<sup>6</sup>, b. June 19, 1809.
- vii. ALANSON<sup>6</sup>, b. 1817; d. Sept. 30, 1819. (Church Book).

1. SCOTT, MOSES, came here from<sup>\*</sup> Glastenbury, Ct.; m. Eunice Wood. He was a Revolutionary soldier, and the latter years of his life drew a pension. He d. in 1818. Children :

- i. KATIE<sup>2</sup>, m. Ansel Andros; d. in Glastenbury, Ct.
- ii. BENONI<sup>2</sup>, lived in New York State.
- iii. NANCY<sup>2</sup>, m. Asahel Stebbins.

2. iv. ROZEL<sup>2</sup>, b. 1784.

- v. JOAB<sup>2</sup>, m. Sept. 18, 1836, Miriam<sup>7</sup>, dau. Joseph<sup>6</sup> Atherton, and widow of Lieut. Enos Burt.

vi. SOLOMON<sup>2</sup>, m. Affa Andrews. His oldest dau., Mrs. Laura D. Fisher, d. ae. 79, Feb. 13, 1899, in Pittsburg, Pa.

vii. MOSES<sup>2</sup>, d.

viii. ASA<sup>2</sup>, m. Lucinda Coates.

ix. CHARLES<sup>2</sup>, m. (2) Sally, dau. Isaac Barton. She was b. June 5, 1804; resided Gill; both are dead. Had: 1. Daughter<sup>3</sup>. 2. Henrietta<sup>3</sup>. 3. Herman<sup>3</sup>. By second wife: 4. Joseph W.<sup>3</sup>, m. Harriet Perkins; d. in Lynn; Mch. 4, 1898; one son.

x. LEWIS<sup>2</sup>, m. Harriet ———.

2. SCOTT, ROZEL<sup>2</sup> or ROSWELL<sup>2</sup>, (Moses<sup>1</sup>) b. 1784; m. Hannah, dau. Joseph Carey of Gill. She was b. 1791; d. Oct. 17, 1858. He d. Sept. 6, 1852. A farmer; resided in the south-east part of the town off the Casey Brook road. Children :

i. JAMES M.<sup>3</sup>, b. Dec. 17, 1812; m. Abigail Deming; resided in New State; both are dead.

ii. ALVAH P.<sup>3</sup>, b. Mch. 3, 1815; m. Martha, dau. of Samuel Gaines of Guilford, Vt. She was b. 1818; d. Feb. 21, 1879. He d. Feb. 1, 1899. He resided in the south-east part of the town off the Casey Brook road; occupation, carpenter. Had: 1. Lewis A.<sup>4</sup>, m. Mary, dau. of Samuel Moore. 2. Harriet Lucinda<sup>4</sup>, m. (1) Nov. 20, 1861, Luther A. Stockwell of Gill; m. (2) Henry Purple; resides Gill. 3. Cornelia M.<sup>4</sup>, m. Albertus Weatherhead. He is dead. She resides Greenfield. 4. Samuel G.<sup>4</sup>, b. 1847; d. Oct. 8, 1870. 5. Elizabeth<sup>4</sup>, m. Frank Scott; resides Cleveland, O. 6. Rosella<sup>4</sup>, m. Oliver Atherton of Gill.



- iii. SILAS<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 26, 1818; m. July 4, 1837, Lucina M., dau. Joseph Gaines of Guilford, Vt. She was b. Mch. 1, 1815; d. Feb. 12, 1889. Resided many years in North Bern. He d. Apr. 25, 1873. She m. (2) Jason Brown. Had: 1. Son<sup>4</sup>, b. and d. Nov. 1, 1838. 2. Jennie<sup>4</sup>, b. Apr. 16, 1840; m. June 17, 1862, Rev. John G. Gooding of Schroon Lake, N. Y.; resides Moores, N. Y. 3. Phoebe Ann<sup>4</sup>, b. May 17, 1842; d. Jan. 19, 1860. 4. Cora L.<sup>4</sup>, b. June 16, 1844; m. Feb. 10, 1863, Rev. C. N. Merrifield; resides Bern. 5. Orrin F.<sup>4</sup>, b. May 7, 1846; d. Nov. 18, 1848. 6. Orrissa L.<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 24, 1848; m. Lucius W. Merrifield of Conway. He is dead. She resides in Bondville, Mass. 7. Franklin W.<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 7, 1851; d. Feb. 22, 1860. 8. Walter R.<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 12, 1853; d. Mch. 2, 1860. 9. Son<sup>4</sup>, b. and d. November 12, 1856.
- iv. BYRON<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept. 26, 1819; m. Apr. 21, 1841, Lucy Gaines of Guilford, Vt. He d. Aug. 28, 1864.
- v. HANNAH<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 6, 1823; m. (1) Nicholas Paulus of Greenwich, N. Y., Sept. 17, 1843; m. (2) Joseph Carrier of Conway, Dec. 2, 1869. She d. Aug. 20, 1895, in Gill.

SCOTT, CALVIN<sup>4</sup>, Dr., (William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup> of Palmer, John<sup>1</sup> of Springfield), b. in Palmer, Aug. 9, 1754. From Mr. O. P. Allen of Palmer, it is learned that he was of collegiate education, studying medicine, and practicing for many years in Palmer; m. July 28, 1785, Sabra Hamilton of Palmer. He made his will Sept. 20, 1800, and d. soon after. She d. 1809. Resided for some time in Bern. Children:

- i. MARGARET<sup>5</sup>, b. Apr. 9, 1786; m. Nov. 22, 1814, Elisha<sup>7</sup> Snow.
- ii. JOHN<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 2, 1788.
- iii. GEORGE<sup>5</sup>, b. May 31, 1790.
- iv. WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 9, 1795.
- v. ASENATH<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 9, 1800, or Jan. 7, 1798; m. Oct. 1, 1818, Prence Snow, Jr. She d. Sept. 23, 1876. He m. (2) in 1830, Maria Ryther Starkweather, who d. Feb. 6, 1892, in Coose, N. H. He d. May 1, 1878, in Bloomfield, Vt.

1. SEVERANCE, JOHN<sup>4</sup> Lieut., (Joseph<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>, who was of Salisbury in 1640, and came to this country in the Elizabeth in 1634), b. Dec. 15, 1720. He came here about 1759, and

was one of the seven petitioners for the act of incorporation. He was directly descended from John Severans, who was in Boston in 1637, and presumably b. in England, as his first marriage was at Ipswich, England.

August 4, 1761, Lieut. John bought of Samuel Capen of Palmer "50 A House Lot No. 21, bounded N. and S. by land of sd Severance and also S by land of Samuel Bardwell, E. and W. by common land." Oct. 15, 1786, he bought of John Stebbins of Deerfield, Lots No. 16, 1st division, (50 a.), No. 21, (50 a.), No. 18, (50 a.), No. 99, (60 a.) Nov. 20, 1745, he enlisted in Capt. John Light's Co., Col. Thomas Moore's Reg., and was soon promoted to the rank of lieutenant. He was in 1759 a member of Capt. Salah Barnard's Co., Col. Israel Williams' Reg., and in the Revolution served in '1775 in Capt. Agrippa Wells' Co., Col. Samuel Williams' Reg. He held the town offices of sealer of weights and measures, warden, constable, fence viewer, surveyor of highways, and in 1765-69 and 1770, selectman. He m. Mch. 15, 1742, Esther, dau. of Daniel Arms of Greenfield. He d. Dec. 25, 1805. Children:

i. ESTHER<sup>5</sup>, b. Apr. 26, 1742.

ii. HANNAH<sup>5</sup>, bap. Feb. 5, 1743-4.

iii. JOHN<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 19, 1746; m. Zurviah Nichols 1784. He settled in Bern. on land purchased of his father. He had one daughter, Sarah<sup>6</sup>, who m. Jan., 1785, Joseph Stebbins of Northfield; perhaps other children.

2. iv. DAVID<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 4, 1747.

v. DRUCILLA<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 23, 1750.

vi. ACHSAH<sup>5</sup>, bap. Nov. 16, 1752.

vii. ELEANOR<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 3, 1754; m. May 19, 1777, Adonijah Atherton; resided Shelburne. She d. Aug. 31, 1777.

viii. RACHAEL<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 9, 1759; published to Oliver Slate of Sag Harbor, N. Y., Aug. 15, 1803.

ix. DANIEL<sup>5</sup>, b. Dec. 18, 1764; m. Jan. 3, 1790, Lydia Healy; resided Winchester, N. H. He was at the age of 17 years in the fourth and fifth Cos., 5th Reg., Hampshire Co., being mustered July 24, 1780, under Lieut. Col. David Wells. He d. Jan. 6, 1828.

2. SEVERANCE, DAVID<sup>5</sup>, (Lieut. John<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>.) b. Feb. 4, 1747. He bought of his father lot No. 167, 3rd division, 8 acres, lying on Dry Brook, also 32 acres 135 rods in lot No. 69, 1st division. He settled on a farm on Huckle Hill where he always resided, leading a quiet, useful life. He was "eminently social, everybody's uncle, highly respected by all." Surveyor of highways 1779, selectman and assessor in 1797-1803, 1805 and 6; m. (1) Jan. 15, 1778, Sally Sauter, who was b. May 10, 1759; d. June 12, 1815; (2) July, 1816, Mrs. Lucy Billings of Greenfield. She d. Nov. 5, 1844, ae. 77. He d. Nov. 25, 1838. Children:

- i. GUY<sup>6</sup>, b. Mch. 12, 1779; d. Apr. 6, 1782.
- ii. GUY<sup>6</sup>, b. May 21, 1784; d. June 23, 1843; unm.
- iii. SETH<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan. 6, 1787; d. Mch. 7, 1856, in New Haven, N. Y.; twice m.
- iv. HORACE<sup>6</sup>, b. July 15, 1790; d. Nov. 8, 1794.
- v. OREN<sup>6</sup>, b. May 10, 1792; d. Nov. 11, 1811.
- vi. LOVINA<sup>6</sup>, b. Apr. 7; d. Sept. 15, 1794.
- vii. HORACE<sup>6</sup>, b. June 23, 1796; d. Aug. 5, 1841; m.; resided Vernon, Vt.
- viii. RACHAEL<sup>6</sup>, b. Sept. 2, 1798; m. ——— Oliver of Long Island.
- ix. SARAH<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 12, 1800; m. Luther Clark of New Haven, N. Y. Intention recorded July 30, 1815.
- x. SOPHRONIA<sup>6</sup>, b. Apr. 11, 1802; d. Sept. 30, 1805.
- xi. LOVINA<sup>6</sup>, b. Nov. 3, 1804; m. Jan. 16, 1817, Aden Esen of Leyden. She d. June 25, 1837.
- xii. SOPHRONIA<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 23, 1806; m. Polycarpus Alexander, Sept. 22, 1829. She d. May 6, 1844.

SHATTUCK, ABEL<sup>7</sup>, (Abel<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup> of Watertown,) was b. at Colrain, Oct. 26, 1798; m. 1826, Nancy, dau. of Robert and Nancy (Bolton) Miller. She was b. Mch. 15, 1803; d. July 6, 1876. He resided on the place now owned by Willis Stratton, and with his brother Truman, operated a cotton batting mill on the site of the present Hurlbert factory. Later he engaged in farming. He died Nov. 12, 1857. She m. (2) David Jillson; removed to Jacksonville, Vt. Children:

- i. MARIA MILLER<sup>8</sup>, b. Jan. 4, 1828; m. Francis Boylston of Greenfield; res. South Norwalk, Ct. She d. ——— 16, 1901.
- ii. HARVEY B.<sup>8</sup>, b. May 3, 1829; m. Nov. 25, 1855, Ellen<sup>4</sup>, dau. of John F.<sup>3</sup> Hale. He is dead.
- iii. ELIZABETH M.<sup>8</sup>, b. July 8, 1831; m. Jan. 25, 1854, Henry Severance.
- iv. ABBY FRANCES<sup>8</sup>, b. Aug. 29, 1835; m. Mch. 25, 1855, Alanson B. Strickland.
- v. PARK DONELSON<sup>8</sup>, b. June 22, 1841; m. Jan. 3, 1865, Martha M.<sup>4</sup>, dau. Nelson<sup>3</sup> Burrows; d. Dec. 5, 1868.
- vi. CLARA A.<sup>8</sup>, b. Aug. 31, 1846; m. F. J. Hosmer; res. Greenfield.

SHATTUCK, EZRA<sup>6</sup>, (Thomas<sup>5</sup> and Elizabeth Parmenter, John<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup> of Watertown, who in his will spells his name Shathock), b. in Petersham, Aug. 5, 1751; settled in Beaver Meadow, afterwards Leyden, as a miller and farmer. He it was who built the Shattuck, now known as Keets Mills; m. Jan. 22, 1778, Rebecca<sup>4</sup>, dau. of Samuel<sup>3</sup> Connable. She was b. 1755; d. Mch. 1, 1816. He d. Aug. 8, 1816. Both were buried in Beaver Meadow. He was surveyor of highways in 1779. Had ten children.

SHATTUCK, REUBEN, Lieut., perhaps a brother of Ezra<sup>6</sup>; was surveyor of highways 1776-1781, selectman 1784; went out May 1, 1775, as 3rd corporal in Col. Asa Whitcomb's Reg., Capt. Agrippa Wells' Co., serving three months, eight days, to Aug., 1775; traveled 112 miles. He marched from Greenfield in Capt. Wells' Co., Col. Saml. Williams' Reg., on alarm of Apr. 19, 1775; served ten days. He is buried in Riverside (Gill) cemetery, his grave being marked by a S. A. R. marker.

1. SHELDON, EBENEZER<sup>4</sup>, Lieut., (John<sup>3</sup>, whose family was captured by Indians from Deerfield, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>, one of the three brothers who came to this country about 1626), b. Nov. 15, 1691. He was captured by Indians in 1704, but returned, and lived in the old Indian House, Deerfield, where he kept tavern. In 1735 the General Court granted to him and his sister Mary 300 acres of land in consideration of the cost of entertaining Cahuawaga Indians (with whom they became acquainted during their captivity), on their frequent visits

after the peace, says Mr. Sheldon. In 1744 he, then captain, sold the Indian house to Jonathan Hoyt, having removed to Fall Town. The first Proprietors' meeting held in Fall Town was at the home of Lieut. Sheldon, Oct. 16, 1740, at which no action was taken except that of adjournment. His home was the Lieut. Sheldon Fort, in the east part of the town, on what is now called the Purple Meadow. He built the fort for £360, O. T., equal to £36 sterling. The province remitted him a part of his expense. He was a man prominent in town affairs and also in the military services of his day, and was known far and near as a most successful Indian fighter. He m. Dec. 3, 1714, Thankful, dau. of Joseph Barnard. She d. in 1746. Children:

2. i. EBENEZER, JR.<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 13, 1715.
3. ii. REMEMBRANCE<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 16, 1717.
- iii. THANKFUL<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 5, 1719; m. Sept. 25, 1740, her cousin, Joseph Barnard.
- iv. ABNER<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 22, 1721. Served in French and Indian War in 1749. He m. Mch. 19, 1745, Lucy<sup>2</sup>, dau. of Thomas<sup>2</sup> Bardwell of Deerfield. Abner Stebbins d. about 1751, and she m. (2) Oct. 31, 1770, Major Benjamin Day of West Springfield. Had:
  1. Caleb<sup>6</sup>, bap. Jan. 11, 1746; m. Oct. 15, 1772, Dorothy<sup>3</sup>, dau. of Aaron<sup>2</sup> Denio. She was bap. Feb. 7, 1747-8. Caleb Sheldon was surveyor of highways in 1773.
  2. Rhoda<sup>6</sup>, b. Oct. 24, 1748; m. Dec. 18, 1765, David<sup>5</sup> Stebbins; removed to Conway about 1792.
  3. Lucy<sup>6</sup>, b. 1750; m. Peletiah Bliss.
  4. Abner<sup>6</sup>, bap. Apr. 5, 1752, posthumous; lived in Shelburne and Conway.
- v. CALEB<sup>5</sup>, (?) who was a soldier in 1747.
- vi. MERCY<sup>5</sup>, b. July 26, 1724; m. 1743, David<sup>5</sup>, son of Jonathan<sup>4</sup> Hoyt of Deerfield. She d. Sept. 5, 1751.
4. vii. AMASA<sup>5</sup>, b. Aug. 27, 1726.
- viii. ELIAKIM<sup>5</sup>, b. July 15, 1728; was shot by Indians, July 15, 1747. His body was buried west of the fort, by the road leading north onto Huckle Hill.
- ix. HANNAH<sup>5</sup>, b. Aug. 21, 1730; m. May 20, 1751, Col. Samuel Wells, the Tory of Brattleboro, Vt.
- x. ELIJAH<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 1, 1733. In 1748 he was one of John Burk's rangers; in 1749 out in Israel Williams' Co.; also out in the



latter's Co. from Oct. 19, 1756, to Jan. 23, 1757, scouting to westward; captured at Fort William Henry 1756. He held minor town offices, and for two years, selectman; m. about 1759, Anna<sup>3</sup>, dau. of Aaron<sup>2</sup> Denio, and widow of William McLaren or McClennan. She d. in Gill, Nov. 11, 1812. Had: 1. Anna<sup>6</sup>, b. 1760; m. Sept. 11, 1785, Moses Bascom of Gill. 2. Solomon<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 25, 1762; m. and settled in Fleming, N. Y. 3. Electa<sup>6</sup>, b. about 1766; m. Samuel Wells. 4. Gratia<sup>6</sup>, b. about 1769; m. Richard or Robert Wells, a brother of Samuel. 5. Betsey<sup>6</sup>, b. about 1773; m. D. Whipple of Lodi, N. Y. 6. Sophia<sup>6</sup>, b. 1775; m. Caleb Howe of Vernon, Vt.

- xi. ELISHA<sup>5</sup>, bap. Nov. 10, 1736, one of Captain Burke's rangers; was captured at Fort William Henry Aug. 9, 1757, and carried to France.

2. SHELDON, EBENEZER<sup>5</sup>, Deacon, (Lieut. Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>.) b. Oct. 13, 1715; was sergeant in French War 1749, and also "Centl." His name appears on the roll of Capt. Israel Williams' Co., Dec. 11, 1755, to Oct. 18, 1756, scouting to the westward. At this time he also had the rank of sergeant. In the same company stationed at Colrain, Oct. 19, 1756, to Jan. 23, 1757, for which service he received £13, 5s., 12d. In 1780 he was captain of a company in Col. Seth Murray's Reg., and was at West Point. In 1745 Major Elijah Williams gives him credit "by your Smoak Money 14 s. 4d." April, 1742, he was chosen a member of the committee to lay out highways, of which he was made surveyor in 1766. He was selectman in 1767 and 8. He was town treasurer for eight years, 1762 to 1770. Dec. 20, 1773, it was voted that he receive the sum of "4£ 4s for his services annually which is \$2.00 a year." He also built a fort on Huckle Hill opposite the present John Field place, which was known as the Deacon Sheldon Fort. It has been a puzzling question concerning the identity of the two Ebenezers, Lieut. and Dea., but recently discovered evidence settles the fact that the Deacon was Ebenezer, Jr., son of Lieut. Ebenezer. He m. Oct. 24, 1740, Mary<sup>5</sup>, dau. of Jonathan<sup>4</sup> Hoyt of Deerfield. She was b. Oct. 5, 1714. Children:

- i. EBENEZER<sup>6</sup>, b. 1740; was captain in a regiment of Col. Seth Murray's 1780, also in regiment of Col. Israel Chapin; was at West Point; d. 1794.
  - ii. SYBIL<sup>6</sup>, b. 1742; probably d. young.
  - iii. JONATHAN<sup>6</sup>, b. 1744; deacon. He filled various civic offices, including that of selectman. He was for two years a member of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety; m. (1) Mehitabel<sup>5</sup>, dau. of Aaron<sup>4</sup> Field. She was b. in 1747; d. Jan. 16, 1787; m. (2) July 22, 1787, Naama Fox. She m. (2) Joel Smith of Greenfield. Their intention was recorded Nov. 10, 1814. Dea. Jonathan Sheldon d. Oct. 2, 1802. Had: 1. Jonathan<sup>7</sup>, b. Feb. 24, 1768; d. 1775. 2. Timothy<sup>7</sup>, b. Jan. 10, 1770; m. Jan. 19, 1794, Alice Parmenter. She d. June 9, 1813, ae. 44; one son, Bradley Parmenter<sup>8</sup>, d. June 3, 1803. 3. Mary<sup>7</sup>, b. Nov. 4, 1771; d. 1792. 4. Mehitabel<sup>7</sup>, b. Dec. 4, 1773; d. 1777. 5. Lucinda<sup>7</sup>, b. 1775; d. 1777. 6. Col. Artemas<sup>7</sup>, b. June 2, 1778; m. Sarah Marther, 1803; d. Aug. 25, 1831. 7. Jonathan<sup>7</sup>, b. 1780; m. Abigail Church 1803; settled in Barre, N. Y. 8. Mehitabel<sup>7</sup>, b. 1782; m. about 1803, George Ritter of Burlington, N. Y. 9. Child<sup>7</sup>, b. and d. 1788. 10. Elizabeth<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 18, 1790; m. Ambrose Hurlbert, Sept., 1814. 11. Mary<sup>7</sup>, b. Mch. 22, 1792; m. Simeon<sup>7</sup> Cushman Nov. 10, 1818. He d. July 9, 1824. She m. (2) Feb. 2, 1826, Jason Brown; d. Oct. 25, 1875. 12. Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>, b. Feb. 4, 1794; d. May 1, 1795. 13. Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>, b. June 15, 1796; m. Helen Demick.
  - iv. MARY<sup>6</sup>, bap. June 8, 1746; m. 1768, Abner Nims.
  - v. SYBIL<sup>6</sup>, bap. Jan. 22, 1748; m. Elias<sup>2</sup> Parmenter. She d. May 15, 1838.
  - vi. MERCY<sup>6</sup>.
  - vii. HULDAH<sup>6</sup>, bap. June 6, 1751; m. ——— Pierce.
  - viii. HANNAH<sup>6</sup>.
  - ix. ABIGAIL<sup>6</sup>, bap. Feb. 15, 1758.
3. SHELDON, REMEMBRANCE<sup>5</sup>, (Lieut. Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 16, 1717; was sergeant in French War in 1749, in Israel Williams' Co.; also in same company, Dec. 11, 1755, to Oct. 18, 1756, scouting to the westward. For his service stationed at Colrain Oct. 19, 1766, to Jan. 23, 1757, he received £5, 18 s., 1 d. His name also appears on John Burk's enlist-

ment roll ending Nov. 30, 1758, during which year he had charge of a fort in Fall Town. 1777 he was on Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety. In civil, as in military affairs, he was prominent. April, 1742, he was chosen a member of the committee to lay out highways; selectman five years; also warden, constable, sealer of weights and measures, and for five years town treasurer. He m. May 28, 1744, Mehitable Burke, who was alive in Deerfield in 1790. He d. Apr. 3, 1787. Children: (Sheldon).

- i. LYDIA<sup>6</sup>, bap. Mch. 30, 1745; m. Theodore Barnard.
- ii. THANKFUL<sup>6</sup>, b. 1747; m. Samuel<sup>4</sup> Hastings of Bern. She died June 15, 1816.
- iii. ELIAKIM<sup>6</sup>, bap. Sept. 24, 174—; m. Sarah White; rem. to New York State.
5. iv. ELISHA BURKE<sup>6</sup>, b. 1752.
- v. CEPHAS<sup>6</sup>, who settled in Vt.
- vi. PERSIS<sup>6</sup>, bap. Oct. 16, 1757; m. Dea. Asaph<sup>5</sup> Allen of Waterbury, Vt., about 1773-4. She d. Feb. 13, 1852.
- vii. MEHITABLE<sup>6</sup>, m. Rev. ——— Ransom of Middlebury Vt.
- viii. REMEMBRANCE<sup>6</sup>, b. 1760; was a physician; settled in Williamstown.
4. SHELDON, AMASA<sup>5</sup>, (Lieut. Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>.) b. Aug. 27, 1726. He served in the French and Indian Wars, being in Capt. Israel Williams' Co. from Dec. 11, 1755, to Oct. 18, 1756, scouting to the westward. The same year, 1756, he was also on a scout under Lieut. Matthew Clesson. From Oct. 19, 1756, to Jan. 23, 1757, he was in the service at Lake George. His name also appears on Burk's enlistment roll ending Nov. 30, 1758. He was sergeant, and in 1758-9 was in charge of one of the Sheldon Forts, later attained the rank of captain. He was for three years selectman, also tithingman and constable; m. Aug. 3, 1747, Sarah<sup>3</sup>, dau. of Thomas<sup>2</sup> Bardwell. He d. Mch. 8, 1808. Children:
  - i. AMASA<sup>6</sup>, bap. Apr. 24, 1748; Revolutionary soldier from Bern.; m. Sybil, dau. of John Holton of Northfield, July 25, 1771; had a family.
  6. ii. REUBEN<sup>6</sup>, bap. Sept. 11, 1749.

- iii. ELIHU<sup>6</sup>, bap. Aug. 9, 1752; Revolutionary soldier; was pub. Sept. 22, 1783, with Hannah Wood of Greenfield.
  - iv. RUFUS<sup>6</sup>, m. Jan. 1, 1796, Diadema Gott; settled in Pompey, N. Y.
  - 7. v. ARAD<sup>6</sup>, b. 1754.
  - vi. OLIVER<sup>6</sup>, m. about 1805, Anna Temple, who d. Sept. 22, 1851, ae. about 72. Had: 1. Sylvia<sup>7</sup>, m. ——— Seaver. 2. Sarah<sup>7</sup>, d. unm. about 1862. 3. Elbridge Gerry<sup>7</sup>, d. s. p. about 1850. 4. Mary Ann<sup>7</sup>, m. (1) Joab Fairman; (2) Apr. 24, 1852, Joel<sup>6</sup> Aldrich. She d. Feb. 10, 1862. 5. Esther M.<sup>7</sup>, m. Nelson<sup>3</sup> Hale June 4, 1846. She d. Mch. 19, 1864. 6. Oliver Ellsworth<sup>7</sup>, m. Mary P. Fenno; settled in Milton. 7. Parmenas<sup>7</sup>.
  - vii. HANNAH<sup>6</sup>, bap. Oct. 16, 1757; m. 1778, John Holton; (2) May 22, 1832, Ezekiel Webster; both of Northfield.
  - viii. LOIS<sup>6</sup>, d. unm.
  - ix. EUNICE<sup>6</sup>.
  - x. SARAH<sup>6</sup>, m. Ebenezer Ash.
  - xi. ELISHA<sup>6</sup>, bap. 1761; m. May 25, 1786, Elizabeth, dau. Elisha Wells of Hatfield; settled in Barre, N. Y. He became a "Dorrellite"; was drowned in the Connecticut River near Vernon, Vt., about 1798.
5. SHELDON, ELISHA BURKE<sup>6</sup>, (Remembrance<sup>6</sup>, Lieut. Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>,) b. 1752; m. Eunice or Mehitable Hale. She d. Dec. 20, 1824, ae. 67. He d. Jan. 12, 1814. Children:
- i. TRYPHENA<sup>7</sup>, b. Apr. 4, 1785; m. July 29, 1812, Edward Pratt; d. Dec. 30, 1863.
  - ii. MEHITABLE<sup>7</sup>, b. Nov. 2, 1786; m. Orra<sup>7</sup> Sheldon of Deerfield, Apr. 21, 1810; d. July 30, 1824.
  - iii. ELIAKIM<sup>7</sup>, b. Sept. 19, 1789; d. at Plattsburg, N. Y., 1812.
  - iv. HENRY REMEMBRANCE<sup>7</sup>, b. Oct. 12, 1791; m.; died in Deerfield in 1860.
  - v. IZATUS<sup>7</sup>, b. Feb. 24, 1794; m. 1819, Mary Pickett of Greenfield, who d. Apr. 10, 1870, ae. 71. He d. at Red Wing, Minn., Oct. 5, 1877. Had: 1. Theodore Barnard<sup>8</sup>, b. Jan. 31, 1820; d. in Red Wing, Mch. 27, 1900. 2. Mary Ann<sup>8</sup>, b. Nov. 29, 1822; m. Roswell Holton of Northfield. 3. Benjamin Franklin<sup>8</sup>, b. 1824.
  - vi. LYDIA<sup>7</sup>, b. Apr. 7, 1797; m. Orra<sup>7</sup> Sheldon Oct. 9, 1825; died May 6, 1873.

6. SHELDON, REUBEN<sup>6</sup>, (Amasa<sup>5</sup>, Lieut. Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>,) bap. Sept. 11, 1749; served in the Revolution in Capt. Agrippa Wells' Co. at the siege of Boston, also under Capt. Thomas Alexander of Northfield, and marched to Quebec, which place he reached Apr. 27, 1776. Was in the Burgoyne campaign under Capt. Lawrence Kemp of Deerfield; settled in Leyden. Children:

i. HORACE<sup>7</sup>.

ii. SALMON<sup>7</sup>, m. 1810, Rebecca, dau. of William Bigelow of Guilford, Vt.

iii. SOCRATES<sup>7</sup>, b. 1784; was a miller, and built the first mills on the West Branch, later owned by Oliver and Ruggles Bagg; m. Experience<sup>6</sup>, dau. Simeon<sup>5</sup> Allen; was selectman in 1814. Had: 1. Clymena<sup>8</sup>, b. 1810; m. Oct. 4, 1837, William J. Babcock of Leyden. 2. Charles A.<sup>8</sup>, b. 1812; d. Jan. 31, 1848. 3. Clark A.<sup>8</sup>, b. 1814; d. Aug. 16, 1818. 4. Mary S.<sup>8</sup>, b. 1816; m. November 26, 1837, Samuel Childs; d. June 28, 1886. 5. Martha Eliza<sup>8</sup>, b. 1818; m. Oct., 1844, Alonzo W. Bates; d. Jan. 27, 1862. 6. Harriet M.<sup>8</sup>, b. 1821; m. Horace C. Arms; died Mch. 27, 1854. 7. James Munroe<sup>8</sup>, b. 1823; m.; d. May 22, 1847.

iv. ORRA<sup>7</sup>, b. 1786; major; was by trade a carpenter and bridge builder; selectman in 1818; settled finally in Cheapside, Greenfield; m. (1) Apr. 21, 1810, Mehitabel<sup>7</sup>, dau. of Elisha B.<sup>6</sup> Sheldon. She d. July 31, 1824; m. (2) Oct. 9, 1825, her sister Lydia<sup>7</sup>. She d. May 6, 1873. He d. Oct. 25, 1878; six children.

v. MANDANA<sup>7</sup>, b. 1789; m. Samuel<sup>7</sup> Wright.

vi. REUBEN<sup>7</sup>, b. 1797; was the first postmaster of Leyden; removed to Rochester, N. Y.

vii. ALVA<sup>7</sup>.

viii. OLIVE<sup>7</sup>, m. Elias Perry.

7. SHELDON, ARAD<sup>6</sup>, (Amasa<sup>5</sup>, Lieut. Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>,) b. 1754; served three years in the Revolutionary Army, being sergeant in 1779. His name appears on a coat-roll for eight months' service in Capt. Joseph Stebbins' Co., Col. J. Brewer's Reg., Sept. 28-9, 1775; m. Apr. 15, 1791, Elizabeth Gibbs of Greenwich, who d. Feb., 1837, ae. about 62. He d. Mch. 26, 1813; resided at East Bern. Children:



- i. AMASA<sup>7</sup>, b. 1796; m. Asenath, dau. of Rufus Guellow of Townshend, Vt. She d. Mch. 11, 1870, ae. 67. His home was the old Gamaliel Kingsley place. He d. Mch. 2, 1869. Had: 1. Sarah E.<sup>8</sup>, b. Oct. 16, 1824; m. Jan. 28, 1842, Samuel F. Warner, who was b. in Suffield, Ct., in 1812. Mrs. Warner now resides in Greenfield. 2. Eliza Ann<sup>8</sup>, b. Feb. 25, 1827; m. Russell Sheldon of Bern. She d. July 10, 1859. 3. Alexander C.<sup>8</sup>, b. May 25, 1829. He owned the "Squire Hamilton Farm"; served in the 10th Reg., Mass. Vol., during civil war; d. in Leverett Jan. 7, 1881. 4. Mary Jane<sup>8</sup>, b. Sept. 3, 1833; m. Oliver T. Smith; d. in Greenfield. 5. George Potter<sup>8</sup>, born May 22, 1837; drowned Dec. 13, 1857, while engaged in carrying mails from Indian River to New Smyrna, Fla.
- ii. SARAH<sup>7</sup>, m. Alexander Campbell of Putney, Vt.
- iii. ISRAEL<sup>7</sup>, went south and is supposed to have there d.
- iv. ARAD<sup>7</sup>, m. and resided in Florida, where he d.
- v. JOHN DWIGHT<sup>7</sup>, resided in Florida until the war.

SLATE, DANIEL, b. in 1708 in England; came with his father and brother to this country when a young man. One family tradition states that after a time the father returned to England and there died. Through Mr. Dwight Slate of Hartford, Ct., it is learned that in 1745 Daniel Slate returned to England. July 9, 1745, Daniel Slate or Slade, then of Norwich, bought fourteen acres on the east side of Connecticut River in Middletown, selling the same in March, 1745-6, (Rev. C. C. Carpenter), then removed to Bern. The latter gentleman also suggests that the fact of Rev. John Norton having been earlier in town may have led the Slates to have come hither. This may have been so to a certain extent, but so many of the early settlers came from Connecticut that it would seem that there were other causes as well in a majority of cases, surely. He m. Mary ———, who united with the church at East Middletown Aug. 13, 1748, from Norwich. She d. in Gill May 10, 1795, ae. 83 years. He d. also in Gill, probably at the home of his son Ebenezer, February 10, 1789, ae. 81 years. Children, order of birth uncertain:

2. i. JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 22, 1734.
  3. ii. DANIEL<sup>2</sup>, b. 1736.
  - iii. THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, who settled in East Hartford, Ct.
  4. iv. JONATHAN<sup>2</sup>, b. 1742.
  - v. LUCY<sup>2</sup>, b. 1745; m. Samuel Hale; d. Oct. 18, 1821.
  - vi. EBENEZER<sup>2</sup>, bap. Mch. 8, 1747, in East Middletown; d. young.
  - vii. ZEBEDIAH<sup>2</sup>, bap. East Middletown, Oct. 10, 1748; d. young.
  - viii. ELIZABETH<sup>2</sup>, (name also given as Deborah), b. 1749; bap. Sept. 2, 1750; m. Moses Scott. She d. in Scriber, N. Y., Oct. 26, 1836.
  - ix. EBENEZER<sup>2</sup>, bap. June 14, 1752, in East Middletown, Ct.; m. Martha<sup>2</sup>, dau. of Benjamin<sup>1</sup> Green. She d. at their home in Gill, Mch. 25, 1813, ae. 53. Had: 1. Clarinda<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 28, 1773. 2. Bathuel<sup>3</sup>, b. May 14, 1776. 3. Tryphena<sup>3</sup>, born Apr. 14, 1779.
  - x. RUTH<sup>2</sup>, bap. Apr. 21, 1754.
  - xi. ABIGAIL<sup>2</sup>, who m. Joseph Hale.
  5. xii. ZEBEDIAH<sup>2</sup>, b. 1756; name sometimes given on T. R. as Zebulon.
2. SLATE, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, Capt., (Daniel<sup>1</sup>.) b. in Norwich, Ct., Feb. 22, 1734; came to town May 19, 1763, probably from Norwich, Ct., and lived in a house which stood where E. E. Benjamin now lives, then known as the Dexter house. The next year he built for himself a log house upon the place afterward owned by his son Israel, and now by Lewis Slate, where he lived until his death. Capt. Slate early became prominently connected with both civil and military affairs; chosen to various town offices from 1767 on. Committee of Inspection 1775, and of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety 1776 and 1780, selectman 1779 and 82. During the French and Indian Wars he saw five years' service, and in the Revolution he was actively engaged. His name first appears among a list of officers of the Massachusetts militia, chosen agreeable to order of Feb. 14, 1776, as lieutenant in Capt. Amasa Sheldon's (4th) Co., Col. David Field's Reg. Ordered in Council, May 3, 1776. Reported 5th Hampshire County Reg. Upon a return of Capt. Samuel Taylor's Co., Col. Dike, 2nd Reg., he is given the rank of ensign. This company marched Aug. 26, 1776, to camp, dated Dorchester. He is also given the same rank in the militia chosen by field officers at Brim-

field, Aug. 28, 1776, in Capt. Samuel Taylor's Co., Benjamin T. Danielson's Reg. He is credited with the same rank and Co., Col. Nicholas Dike's Regt., in the pay abstract, for mileage, etc., under date of Sept. 17, 1776, and the latter record appears a second time, dated Dorchester Heights, Nov. 28, 1776. He is given the rank of lieutenant on the muster and pay roll of Capt. John Wells' Co., Col. Timothy Robinson's Reg., Hampshire Co., enlisted Dec. 23, 1776, discharged Apr. 1, 1777; time of service 100 days. This regiment was detached, and marched to Ticonderoga; was present at the surrender of Burgoyne. On the pay and muster roll of Capt. Amasa Sheldon's Co., Col. Elisha Porter's Reg., he is given the rank of lieutenant, enlisting July 10, 1777, and receiving his discharge Aug. 12, 1777. This service was performed in the expedition in the northern department. He was captain of the 4th Co. of the 5th Hampshire Co. Reg., Massachusetts militia, commanded by Lieut. Col. Wells, commissioned June 18, 1780. He m. May 5, 1758, Mary White of Colchester, Ct. She was b. Aug. 16, 1738; d. January 17, 1827. He d. Nov. 26, 1818. They were admitted to full communion with the East Middletown, Ct. church, Feb. 3, 1759. Children:

- i. JOSEPH<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 6, 1760; d. July 28, 1766.
6. ii. ISRAEL<sup>3</sup>, b. June 10, 1762, in Chatham, Ct.
- iii. LYDIA<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 4, 1764; d. 1815.
- iv. RUTH<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 13, 1767. Intention with Jonathan Rich recorded Feb. 10, 1790.
- v. SYBIL<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 28, 1769.
- vi. JOEL<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 8, 1771; d. July 3, 1781.
4. vii. AMOS<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 13, 1773; m. May 28, 1795, Esther Haws. She d. Jan. 20, 1857, ae. 80. He d. Mch. 3, 1830, from the effects of an injury received the preceding October by the falling of a well sweep. While in Bern. his occupation was that of a miller; d. in Gill. Had: 1. Joel Amos<sup>4</sup>, b. Mch. 14, 1796; m. (?) Apr. 16, 1828, Wealthy Sykes; d. in Northampton Aug. 6, 1866.
2. Erastus<sup>4</sup>, b. Feb. 12, 1798; was a shoe merchant in North-

- ampton. 3. Almeda<sup>4</sup>, b. Apr. 13, 1800; m. Apr. 22, 1818, Reuben Sykes; res. Brattleboro, Vt. 4. Clarissa<sup>4</sup>, b. June 19, 1802; m. Dec. 25, 1823, John F. Rogers. 5. William<sup>4</sup>, born July 16, 1804; m. Mch. 19, 1827, Harriet Stephens. 6. Patrick<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 17, 1806. 7. Caroline<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 18, 1808; d. Aug. 26, 1810. 8. Caroline<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 22, 1810; m. Nov. 1, 1831, Samuel W. Sykes. She d. Aug. 26, 1897, in Hartford, Ct. 9. Lydia Emeline<sup>4</sup>, b. July 20, 1812; m. William Brooks; d. in Brattleboro, Vt., Mch. 5, 1861. 10. Esther Adeline<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 8, 1814. 11. Calvin<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 11, 1815; d. Feb. 21, 1823. 12. Harriet Amelia<sup>4</sup>, b. Jan. 19, 1818. 13. Orren<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 4, 1820; m. Catherine Miller of Brattleboro, Vt., Aug. 28, 1844; was a merchant in Waterbury, Ct., and in Brattleboro.
- viii. SAMUEL<sup>3</sup>, b. Mch. 28, 1775; perhaps that Samuel who m. Oct. 7, 1795, Bathsheba Risley of Gill.
- ix. DAMARIS<sup>3</sup>, b. Jan. 15, 1778. Her marriage intention with Lemuel Tuttle of Deerfield was recorded Feb. 7, 1801.
- x. JOHN REUBEN<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 6, 1780; m. 1805, Eunice, dau. of Dea. Jesse Field. She d. Nov. 18, 1864, ae. 82; resided on the Fox Brook road. He d. Apr. 25, 1855. They had one son, Allen Slate, who went south.
- xi. INFANT<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 9; d. Feb. 16, 1783.
3. SLATE, DANIEL<sup>2</sup>, (Daniel<sup>1</sup>), b. 1736; m. Abigail ———, who was b. 1737; d. July 13, 1807, ae. 70, "an exemplary, Christian woman." Mr. Slate was constable and collector 1774, surveyor of highways 1775, 78-80, tithingman 1778. He d. in Swanzey, N. H., Feb. 15, 1818. Children:
- i. ABIGAIL<sup>2</sup>, b. July 28, 1766; m. Samuel Green; d. Aug. 21, 1845.
7. ii. JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, b. Aug. 17, 1768.
- iii. RHODA<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 15, 1771; m. (?) May 8, 1810, Samuel Holden.
- iv. REUBEN<sup>2</sup>, b. May 18, 1773; d. Oct. 4, 1775.
4. SLATE, Capt. JONATHAN<sup>2</sup>, (Daniel<sup>1</sup>), b. 1742. Like his brother, Capt. Joseph, he took an active part in the affairs of the times. He served in the Revolution three months to December, 1776, receiving therefor mileage £10, expenses for 120 miles at one penny. In 1769 he bought two 50-acre lots, now included in the farm owned by his great-grandson,

Hendrick Slate, and which has always been in possession of his descendants. He m. Mehitable, dau. of Major John and Sarah (Hoyt) Burke. She was b. July 15, 1753; d. Feb. 8, 1823. He d. Dec. 27, 1831. Children:

8.
  - i. TIMOTHY<sup>3</sup>, b. Dec. 6, 1772.
  - ii. OLIVE<sup>3</sup>, b. Jan. 25, 1775; published with Samuel<sup>6</sup> Hastings of Waterbury, Vt., Dec. 20, 1800. She d. Aug. 27, 1853.
  - iii. RUTH<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct., 1776; d. Oct. 3, 1777.
  - iv. OBED<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 6, 1778; m. Susanna, dau. of Oliver Doolittle of Northfield. She was b. July 15, 1784; d. Feb. 25, 1853. He d. Mch. 28, 1862, in Hinsdale, N. H., where he settled in 1804, and where he was for many years a prominent man, a town officer and justice of the peace. Had: 1. Hoyt<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 21, 1804; d. Nov. 12, 1838. 2. Charles<sup>4</sup>, b. July 29, 1806; d. Aug. 19, 1813. 3. Sarah<sup>4</sup>, b. June 18, 1808; d. Mch. 3, 1887, at Belchertown. 4. Elvira<sup>4</sup>, b. Sept. 28, 1810; d. Feb. 19, 1889, at Belchertown. 5. Obed, Jr.<sup>4</sup>, b. June 30, 1812; d. July 27, 1869, at Hinsdale, N. H. 6. George<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 15, 1814; m. Frances Griswold; d. June 7, 1898, at Bellows Falls, Vt. 7. John B.<sup>4</sup>, b. July 17, 1816; d. Dec. 10, 1890, at Penfield, Mich. 8. Miranda<sup>4</sup>, b. June 17, 1818; d. June 12, 1840. 9. Susan<sup>4</sup>, born Apr. 17, 1820; d. May 22, 1846. 10. Orren<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 24, 1822. 11. Willard<sup>4</sup>, b. Dec. 3, 1825; d. Aug. 30, 1866, at West Brookfield.
  - v. SARAH<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb., 1779; d. June 10, 1793.
  - vi. RUTH<sup>3</sup>, b. Dec. 23, 1780; published with Medad Squires May 17, 1799; six children; d. Mch., 1831. Their sons, Medad and Charles Squires, were old-time stage drivers.
  - vii. JONATHAN<sup>3</sup>, b. June 18, 1785; settled in Shelburne in 1804; m. Nancy Jones of Deerfield, Sept. 18, 1813. He d. Nov. 30, 1864. Had: 1. Clark<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 26, 1814; m. (1) Melinda Swett; m. (2) Mrs. Lois Allen; d. Shelburne Falls Feb. 11, 1897. Charles E.<sup>5</sup> Slate of Greenfield is his son. 2. Horace<sup>4</sup>, b. Mch. 1, 1816; dead. 3. Nancy<sup>4</sup>, b. Mch. 11, 1819; d. unm. Dec. 28, 1846. 4. Jane<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 16, 1821; m. David Lyon of Greenfield. 5. George<sup>4</sup>, b. Jan. 8, 1825; d. Feb. 14, 1899, at Shelburne Falls. 6. Ann<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 7, 1827; d. 7. Martha<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 12, 1829; m. Albert Childs of Deerfield; res. with her son, Theodore Childs, Deerfield. 8. Lucinda<sup>4</sup>, (twin) b. Nov. 12, 1829; m.



- Ozro Gray of Springfield. 9. Delia<sup>4</sup>, b. Jan. 4, 1833; m. ——— Arms; d. in Kansas. 10. Clara<sup>4</sup>, b. Jan. 24, 1836; m. Daniel Dole; m. (2) C. H. Fuller.
- viii. MEHITABLE<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept. 14, 1786; d. unm. perhaps June 10, 1832.
- ix. CLARISSA<sup>3</sup>, b. June 29, 1788; m. Dec. 15, 1812, Gideon L. Sprague of Gill; rem. to Ohio.

5. SLATE, ZEBULON<sup>2</sup>, or ZEBEDIAH<sup>2</sup>, (Daniel<sup>1</sup>.) the records give the name both ways. About town he was familiarly known as "Capt. Zeb."; b. 1756. He went out as private in Capt. Wells' Co., Col. Whitcomb's Reg., May 1, 1775. No record has been found to substantiate his claim to the title of captain. He m. June 3, 1779, Mary, dau. of Oliver Atherton of Greenfield. She d. Jan. 17, 1827; m. (2) Rebecca ———, formerly of Halifax, Vt. She d. May 27, 1851. He d. Oct. 12, 1833. Children:

- i. OLIVER<sup>3</sup>, b. Dec. 9, 1779; settled in New York State.
- ii. MARY<sup>3</sup>, b. July 15, 1781; m. Nov. 1, 1831, Capt. Ariel Tower of Cumberland, R. I. The following was appended to the notice of her marriage:

"Thus Tower got Polly  
And Polly's made a Tower,  
Thus love, youth and beauty  
Met in Hymen's sweet bower."

iii. PHILA<sup>3</sup>.

- iv. JOSEPHUS<sup>3</sup>, b. 1786; m. 1805, Lucinda<sup>6</sup>, dau. of Dea. Jesse Field. She was b. Jan. 11, 1787; d. Mch. 13, 1883. He d. Dec. 3, 1865; resided several years on Huckle Hill, and later on the Samuel Wright place on the Bald Mountain road. Had: 1. Charles<sup>4</sup>, m. in Vernon, Vt., June 12, 1827, Mary Oaks. Children: i. Sylvester<sup>5</sup>, has been twice married, the second time to a widow of William Nelson. They reside on Bald Mountain road. ii. Emory<sup>5</sup>, who m. Helen, a dau. of Bradley Streeter. 2. Marshall<sup>4</sup>, m. Mary Butterfield. She d. Nov. 4, 1896, ae. 84. He res. Bern. 3. Josephus<sup>4</sup>, Jr., d. unm. in Bern. 4. Harmony<sup>4</sup>, m. William Scott.

v. LATHROP<sup>3</sup>, went South.

vi. ASAHEL<sup>3</sup>, went South.

- vii. JESSE<sup>3</sup>, m. Grace Rogers of Leyden 1817; after several years residence in the north part of town, rem. to New York State.
- viii. LUTHER<sup>3</sup>.
- ix. RUFUS<sup>3</sup>, m. Asenath Fox 1820. She d. May 9, 1847, ae. 55. He d. in Vermont. Had: 1. Sylvia L.<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 19, 1821. 2. Maria A.<sup>4</sup>, b. Jan. 20, 1823. 3. Japhthah L.<sup>4</sup>, b. Jan. 12, 1826. 4. John W.<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 30, 1828. 5. Mary Jane<sup>4</sup>, b. 1832; died Mch. 26, 1839. 6. Frederick G.<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 19, 1833.
- x. FANANDA<sup>3</sup>, b. 1804; m. Silas G.<sup>2</sup> Fox Oct. 10, 1824; d. Apr. 29, 1825.
- xi. CLESSON<sup>3</sup>, m.; resided South Deerfield.
- xii. REBECCA<sup>3</sup>, m. Dexter Marsh of Greenfield Apr. 21, 1834.
- xiii. ELVIRA<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept. 28, 1813; went South where she married.
6. SLATE, ISRAEL<sup>3</sup>, (Capt. Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Daniel<sup>1</sup>), b. in Chatham, Ct., June 10, 1762; came with his parents to town when but a few months old, and for over 90 years lived upon the same farm. His father's departure for scenes of war kept him busy during his teens aiding in the maintenance of the family, he being the eldest. Arriving at manhood's estate, he in Mch., 1783, went to Chatham, Ct., to visit his father's old acquaintances. Among others, he tarried at one, Gideon Hurlbert's, a man blessed with a dozen children, three of whom were daughters. In his own words he "asked leave to keep company with Phoebe," which we may safely assume was granted, as upon his departure he "agreed to go down again." This he did in the November following, remaining three or four days, during which time he "agreed to marry her and asked leave." He "saw her again in December, and was m. to her Feb. 17, 1784, by Rev. Zephaniah Strong in Chatham, now Coventry, Ct. We had a pine table and a pine chest, 2 old beds, no bedstead for some time." Such was the beginning made by this worthy couple, typical, no doubt, of many of that time. Their married life extended over 65 years and one month, as long probably as any in town. Mrs. Slate was b. Aug. 26, 1760; d. Mch. 23, 1849, being then the most aged person in town. She was a descendant of Lieut. Thomas Hurlbert. Mr. Slate was one of the best known of his gener-

ation; intelligent, keen of wit, of strong religious convictions, as was also his wife, well versed in all that pertained to the history of his time, which he delighted in relating to others. He was "Uncle Israel" to the towns-people. The Sunday prior to his death, which occurred Oct. 17, 1859, at the age of 97 years, four months, he attended divine service all day. Children:

- i. MARY ELVIRA<sup>4</sup>, b. Jan. 4, 1785; m. Capt. Chester Wright of Deerfield, 1808; d. Apr. 6, 1826.
- ii. PHCEBE<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 27, 1786; m. Levi<sup>2</sup> Park Apr. 7, 1807; died June 16, 1820.
9. iii. JOSEPH 3rd.<sup>4</sup>, b. Jan. 28, 1789.
- iv. GIDEON HURLBERT<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 7, 1790; m. Fanny Graves, 1812. He went first to Cleveland, then to Worthington, O., where she died; had eight children.
- v. FLORILLY<sup>4</sup>, b. June 9, 1793; m. Jonathan<sup>3</sup> Park Sept. 29, 1814.
- vi. SALLY<sup>4</sup>, b. July 23, 1795; m. George A. Bates; d. Aug., 1849.
- vii. CHLOE<sup>4</sup>, b. May 27, 1798; m. Dec. 28, 1820, Levi<sup>3</sup> Park, (second wife); d. Apr. 7, 1829.
- viii. JOEL<sup>4</sup>, b. May 7, 1800; m. Mary, dau. Daniel Hale, Jan. 3, 1822; resided West. Had: 1. Jane Elvira<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 7, 1823. 2. Martin Smith<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 28, 1824. 3. Israel Barnard<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 3, 1827; d. in army Sept., 1862. 4. Louisa Emeline<sup>5</sup>, b. June 28, 1829. 5. Lorenzo<sup>5</sup>, b. June 13, 1835. 6. Orra<sup>5</sup>, d. in the army Sept., 1862. 7. Mary<sup>5</sup>.
- ix. LIVONA<sup>4</sup>, b. July 31, 1802; m. Stephen Colegrove.
7. SLATE, JOSEPH<sup>3</sup>, (Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Daniel<sup>1</sup>.) b. Aug. 17, 1768; m. Michel Hollister June 24, 1792. Children:
10. i. DANIEL<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 28, 1793.
- ii. SILVA<sup>4</sup>, b. Jan. 17, 1796; m. Nov. 22, 1813, Obed Parmenter of Vernon, Vt.
- iii. SOPHIA<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 4, 1798.
- iv. VILURA<sup>4</sup>, b. Nov. 9, 1800; m.; resided in Swanzey, N. H.
8. SLATE, TIMOTHY<sup>3</sup>, (Capt. Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Daniel<sup>1</sup>.) b. Dec. 6, 1772; m. June 25, 1797, Tirzah, dau. of Joseph Sprague of Gill. She

was b. June 30, 1772 ; d. Aug. 1, 1850. Mr. Slate was deacon of the Congregational church ; resided on his father's place ; d. Feb. 22, 1847. Children :

- i. VALLONIA<sup>4</sup>, b. Dec. 25, 1798; m. Dr. Elijah W.<sup>8</sup> Carpenter Dec. 5, 1822. She d. Aug. 23, 1873.
- ii. SEORIM BURK<sup>4</sup>, b. Sept. 18, 1801; was selectman in 1840, 1854-57; m. (1) Sophronia P.<sup>8</sup>, dau. of Thomas<sup>7</sup> Snow, May 4, 1828. She d. Jan. 11, 1856; m. (2) Sarah Celina<sup>4</sup>, dau. of Elias<sup>3</sup> Parmenter. She was b. Mch. 24, 1805; d. Dec. 2, 1886. He resided just north of the site of the Dea. Sheldon Fort on Huckle Hill. He d. Mch. 6, 1866. Had: 1. Sheldon Snow<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 28, 1828; m. (1) Lucy E. Johnson of Vernon, Vt., Jan. 5, 1853; m. (2) Caroline Chapin. He d. Nov. 27, 1876. Had children by first marriage. 2. Seorim Burk<sup>5</sup>, b. Dec. 28, 1830; m. Huldah E., dau. of Israel Porter Hale, Apr. 19, 1857; res. Greenfield village. Although living within the town limits of Greenfield, Mr. and Mrs. Slate were for many years prominently connected with the social and religious life of Bernardston. Mr. Slate has also been repeatedly honored by election to the higher town offices in Greenfield, among others, selectman and assessor. 3. Jeanette Sophronia<sup>5</sup>, b. Apr. 27, 1834; m. Jan. 1, 1856, James M. Hale. He d. Jan. 16, 1902; resides at the railroad crossing, South street. 4. Julia Sylvira<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 27, 1836; m. Jan. 22, 1857, Alanson P. Hale. 5. Tirzah Minerva<sup>5</sup>, b. May 12, 1843; d. Oct. 14, 1849. 6. George<sup>5</sup>, m. a dau. of John Stearns; resided Hinsdale, N. H. 7. Ellen D.<sup>5</sup>, b. Aug., 1847; d. October 18, 1849.
- iii. PHILANDER MERRICK<sup>4</sup>, b. Mch. 2, 1803; m. (1) May 7, 1835, Mary Fish of Swanzey, N. H. She d. Aug. 9, 1840; m. (2) Lutiann Celinda, dau. of Gamaliel Kingsley Sept. 13, 1841. She was b. Aug. 18, 1811; d. Feb. 5, 1899. He d. Feb. 21, 1883; resided east of the iron bridge on the old Kingsley place. Had: 1. Mary Helen<sup>5</sup>, b. Mch. 20, 1836; m. Dec. 23, 1856, Loren Hale. 2. Caroline Fish<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 21, 1839; d. Mch. 22, 1840. 3. Antoinette Maria<sup>5</sup>, b. June 17, 1842; m. Luke Allen Jan. 14, 1867. 4. Lucy Jane<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 14, 1844; m. Sept. 25, 1883, Thomas W. Baldwin of Springfield; d. Nov. 1, 1895. 5. Merrick Philan-

- der<sup>5</sup>, b. Mch. 13, 1846; m. Sept. 7, 1869, Julia, dau. John Allen; resides on Burk Flat. 6. Thomas Alanson<sup>5</sup>, b. Dec. 25, 1853; d. Mch. 12, 1879; unm.
- iv. TIMOTHY PROCTOR<sup>4</sup>, b. Mch. 25, 1805; m. Sarah M., dau. of Israel Bagg, Mch. 13, 1825. He resided in North Bern., at the end of the road leading north from the Leyden or "Newcomb" road. He was a zealous and active member of the Methodist church, and for many years chorister. They removed to Amherst to live with their daughter, Mrs. Taylor, in 1881. He d. Nov. 12, 1883; she d. Aug. 15, 1884. Had: 1. Sarah Maria<sup>5</sup>, b. May 10, 1827; m. B. Holmes Taylor Mch. 19, 1846; four children; res. Amherst. 2. Sophia A.<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 12, 1833; m. Woodbridge A. King July 4, 1852; two children; res. Amherst. 3. Flora C.<sup>5</sup>, b. July 11, 1835; m. Thaddeus S. Ashcraft, Apr. 26, 1854; two children. 4. Mary M.<sup>5</sup>, b. Aug. 3; d. Dec. 27, 1831.
- v. MIRIAM WRIGHT<sup>4</sup>, (later known as Mary), b. Apr. 22, 1807; m. Mch. 26, 1850, John Coy; d. Dec. 8, 1852; one son, afterwards adopted by E. Hoyt Snow, and known as George D. Snow; res. Seattle, Wash.
- vi. TIRZAH MINERVA<sup>4</sup>, b. May 18, 1809; m. Feb. 24, 1828, Lewis McCloud; d. Jan. 15, 1892.
- vii. JONATHAN SPRAGUE<sup>4</sup>, b. Feb. 9, 1811; m. (1) Apr., 1834, Cynthia Goodrich of Wethersfield, Ct. She d. July 4, 1835; m. (2) May 29, 1838, Electa U. Marsh of Montague, dau. of Rufus and Camilla (Church) Marsh. She was b. Nov. 29, 1818. Mr. Slate lived in Bern. about a year after his first marriage, and was afterward a well-known stage-driver, and resided in Amherst, where he was a captain of the militia. He removed to Bern. in 1858. In 1862, although far past the age of military service, he enlisted in the 52nd Mass. Vol., and was in the Louisiana campaign, being detailed as a hospital nurse. He was brought home in 1863 in a precarious condition, and, although he never fully recovered his health, lived for many years in Bern., dying there July 28, 1891, the oldest member of the regiment. Mrs. Slate resides in Greenfield. Had: 1. Lima Taylor<sup>5</sup>, b. May 14, 1839; m. James A. Horton, July 14, 1868; res. Greenfield. 2. Charles Squires<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 29, 1841; member of the 4th Vermont Infantry in civil war; wounded in battle, and died in



hospital at Philadelphia Nov. 5, 1862. 3. Ella Camilla<sup>5</sup>, b. Aug. 31, 1847; m. Freeman E. Payne of Greenfield; one dau., Belle.

II. viii. JUSTIN MILTON<sup>4</sup>, b. Feb. 28, 1814.

9. SLATE, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, Capt., (Israel<sup>3</sup>, Capt. Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Daniel<sup>1</sup>,) b. Jan. 28, 1789. He was selectman 1829, 1833, 1838. He m. June 17, 1813, Sylvia E., dau. of Capt. Stephen Webster. She was b. Mch. 14, 1796; d. Aug. 7, 1886. He d. Aug. 16, 1867. He resided on the place now owned by his son, Lewis A., on South street. Children:

i. MELINDA<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 29, 1813; m. Mch. 30, 1842, Hiram Deane; d. Mch. 11, 1879.

ii. HENRY<sup>5</sup> Deacon, b. Nov. 29, 1815; m. (1) Apr. 28, 1841, Sylvina A., dau. of John Hale of Leyden. She was b. Aug. 1, 1816, and d. June 14, 1849; m. (2) Mary, dau. of Eliphas Clapp of Montague, June 5, 1850. She was b. Dec. 3, 1812, and d. Apr. 24, 1864; m. (3) Elizabeth, dau. of George L. Holton of Gill, February 7, 1866. She was b. Nov. 4, 1829. Mr. Slate has always been an earnest supporter of the Congregational church, serving many years as deacon. For many years he served as town clerk. His home is on South street, on a part of the ancestral farm. Had: 1. Chloe Cornelia<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 18, 1842; m. Alonzo A. Alford Feb. 1, 1860. 2. Irvilla Amelia<sup>6</sup>, b. July 6, 1843; m. Nov. 22, 1865, Erastus B. Burnham of Montague, where they reside. 3. Joseph<sup>6</sup>, b. June 1, 1845; m. Clara, dau. of Adoniram Fay of Athol, May 3, 1871; resides Edinburg, Ill. 4. John H.<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 19, 1847; d. July 3, 1849. 5. Kate M.<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 1, 1855; m. Henry L. Crowell, June 6, 1888.

iii. FRANCIS L.<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 23, 1818; m. Charlotte Fiske of Shelburne, 1847. He resided on Burke Flat, on the place now owned by M. P. Slate; d. June 2, 1894. Mrs. Slate resides at the village with her daughter Ellen. Had: 1. Ann Eliza<sup>6</sup>, m. (1) Dana Ellenwood, 1868; m. (2) Alfred Hall; resides Worcester. 2. Ellen<sup>6</sup>, res. Bern.; unm.

iv. EUNICE AMELIA<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 4, 1820; m. 1847, Richard Clapp of Montague.

v. SYLVIA CATHERINE<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 19, 1823; res. Bern.; unm.

vi. EDWIN<sup>5</sup>, b. July 20, 1825; d. Apr. 17, 1851.



CAPT. J. L. LATH.

THOMAS LATH.

HENRY LATH.

THE LATHS' STATE HOUSE

The old State Homestead.



- vii. HARRIET ADALINE<sup>5</sup>, b. Apr. 13, 1828; m. July 13, 1853, Daniel Snow of Brattleboro, Vt.; resides Burlington, Vt.
- viii. MARY ELVIRA<sup>5</sup>, b. Dec. 21, 1830; m. Edward Kirkland; res. Brattleboro, Vt.
- ix. JOSEPH DWIGHT<sup>5</sup>, b. Aug. 26, 1833; d. Aug. 16, 1855.
12. x. LEWIS ALMON<sup>5</sup>, b. June 10, 1836.
10. SLATE, DANIEL<sup>1</sup>. Dea., (Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Daniel<sup>1</sup>.) b. Aug. 28, 1793; m. (1) Pamela Tubbs, Nov. 25, 1813. She d. Dec. 15, 1826; m. (2) 1828, Susannah Fish of Swanzey, N. H. She d. Jan. 11, 1859. He d. Aug. 29, 1861. He resided during the active years of life on Huckle Hill. Children:
- i. JOSEPH CHAUNCEY<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 30, 1814; m. Mch. 6, 1839, Huldah P.<sup>8</sup>, dau. Seorim<sup>7</sup> Cushman. She d. Sept. 3, 1897, in Suffield, Ct. He is dead. For many years he owned and operated the mills now owned by Charles Barber. Had: 1. Fayette Chauncey<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 15, 1840; m. (1) May 2, 1866, S. Josephine, dau. Amos Carleton. She d. May 19, 1873, ae. 27. He has been twice m. since; resides in Wallingford, Ct., where he is a merchant. 2. Ella H.<sup>6</sup>, m. 1872, Frank O. Newton; resides Suffield, Ct.
- ii. DANIEL HOLLISTER<sup>5</sup>, b. Mch. 8, 1817.
- iii. CHARLES RANSALAER<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 10, 1818; m. Philena Wright of Northfield, May 18, 1842. She d. Aug. 28, 1864. He d. Dec. 3, 1889. Had: 1. Eugene T.<sup>6</sup>, b. June 3, 1843. 2. Edgar John<sup>6</sup>, b. June, 1851; d. Aug. 11, 1854.
- iv. GEORGE EDWIN<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 8, 1820.
- v. SYLVIA<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 17, 1821; m. Rodney R.<sup>3</sup> Park, Sept. 1, 1841; d. July 9, 1850.
- vi. JOHN D.<sup>5</sup>, b. July 23, 1823; m. May 17, 1853, Abby A., dau. Benjamin Green. She d. May 23, 1888. He d. July 25, 1890.
- By second wife:
- vii. SUSAN PAMELIA<sup>5</sup>, m. G. M. Cole; res. Pasadena, Cal.
- viii. FARNHAM LORANE<sup>5</sup>, m. railroad conductor; res. Chicago, Ill.
- ix. NATHANIEL FISH<sup>5</sup>, b. 1839; d. Aug. 18, 1839.
11. SLATE, JUSTIN MILTON<sup>1</sup>, (Timothy<sup>3</sup>, Capt. Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, Daniel<sup>1</sup>.) b. Feb. 28, 1814; m. Nov. 28, 1844, Lucinda, dau. of Horace Atherton. She d. Sept. 7, 1889. Mr. Slate was selectman in

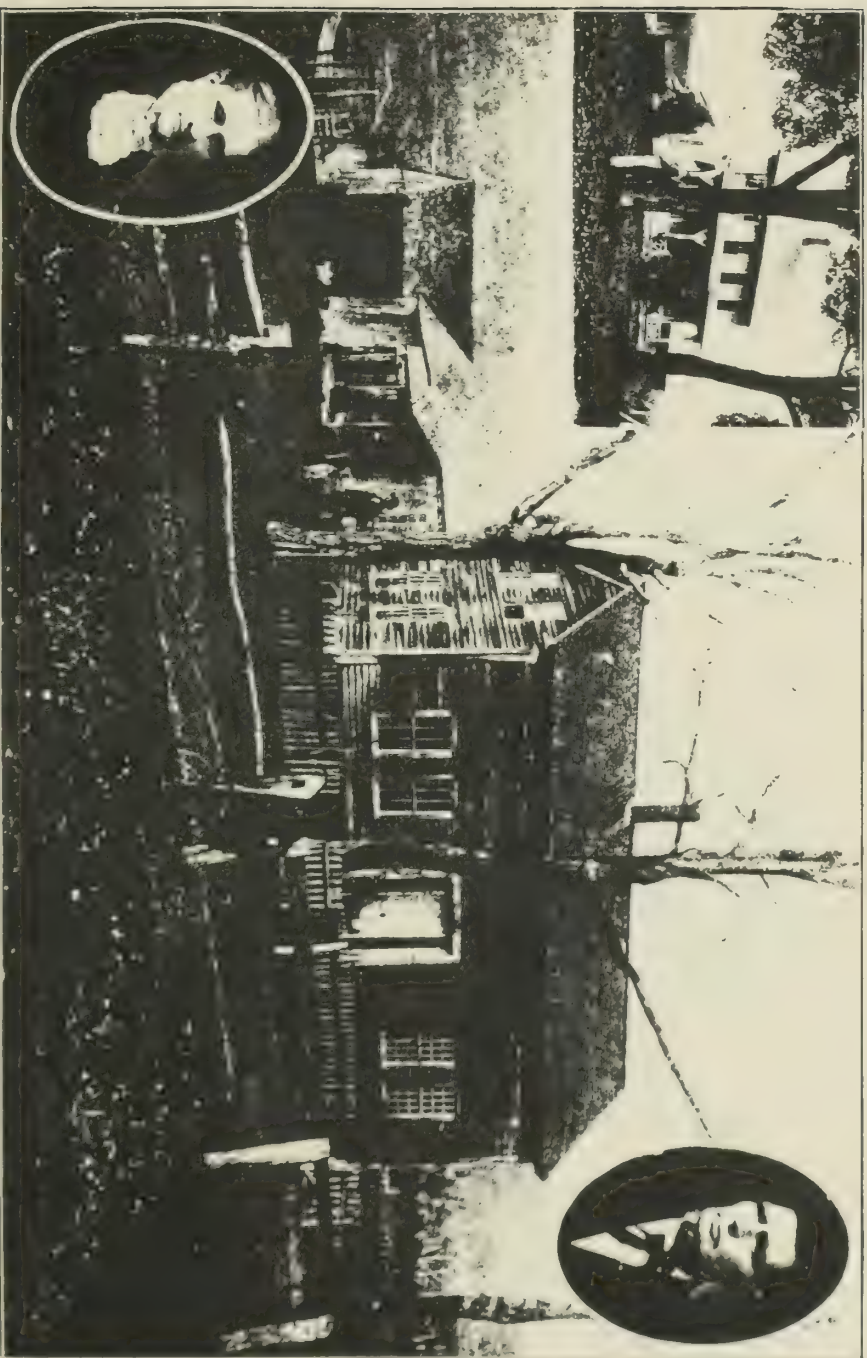
1862, 3, and 4. He was a prosperous farmer, residing upon the ancestral farm on Bald Mountain road; d. Nov. 10, 1901. Children:

- i. LUMAN JUSTIN<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 2, 1846; m. June 25, 1874, Rose M. Whitcomb; m. (2) Mch. 3, 1886, Rosalind Bates. She d. Mch. 10, 1897; m. (3) ——— is a carpenter; resides Holyoke. Has sons Edmund<sup>6</sup>, Justin<sup>6</sup>, and Fred<sup>6</sup>. Edmund and Fred were in Co. D, 2nd Reg., Mass. Vol., during the war with Spain, summer of 1898, and were wounded during the Santiago campaign.
- ii. HENDRICK ATHERTON<sup>5</sup>, (twin) b. Mch. 2, 1849; m. Eleanor, dau. of George H. Bixby, June 15, 1887; resides upon the ancestral place, and is active in social, political and educational matters.
- iii. KENDRICK TIMOTHY<sup>5</sup>, (twin) b. Mch. 2, 1849; m. Maria A. Carter, May 19, 1872; resides Greenfield; an accountant; is secretary of Republican Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Has one son, Earle<sup>6</sup>, now a student in the Baltimore Dental College.
- iv. FREDERICK ALLEN<sup>5</sup>, b. May 8, 1851; m. Annie Robins Andrews, Sept. 18, 1888; res. New York; printer; agent of "Unity Company."
- v. EVA GERTRUDE<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 28, 1855; m. June 5, 1894, George W. Farnsworth; res. Whitingham, Vt.
- vi. RHODA CUSHMAN<sup>6</sup>, b. July 13, 1858; res. Attleboro, Mass., where she is a successful teacher.

12. SLATE, LEWIS ALMON<sup>5</sup>, (Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Israel<sup>3</sup>, Capt. Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Daniel<sup>1</sup>), b. June 10, 1836; m. 1860, Ellen C., dau. Daniel Watson Temple. She d. Mch. 16, 1899. His is the original Slate farm on South street. Children:

- i. DWIGHT L.<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 30, 1863; m. Aug., 1897, Etta G., dau. of Wm. Taylor. Has: 1. George Lewis<sup>7</sup>, b. June 27, 1899. 2. Son<sup>7</sup>, b. Feb. 10, 1901. Mr. Slate is one of the present selectmen. His home is the place on South street originally built by Terah Fox, and afterward owned by Moses Wait and the late Mrs. Elvira Burk.
- ii. CARRIE M.<sup>6</sup>, b. Sept. 9, 1865; unm.
- iii. GEORGE A.<sup>6</sup>, b. 1868; d. Jan. 8, 1894; unm.
- iv. WELLS T.<sup>6</sup>, who is salesman for Nichols Bros.
- v. ALICE MARY<sup>6</sup>, b. 1876; d. Jan. 9, 1897.
- vi. LILLIE BELL<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 6, 1879.





RESIDENCE of THOMAS A. SWAN on the site of  
MRS. LEONORA'S GRAVE.

THOMAS SWAN, THOMAS SWAN, built 1769.

Mrs. THOMAS A. SWAN.



SMITH, Rev. HORACE, b. 1809; m. Lurancy Burrows, who d. June 6, 1829. He was a Methodist exhorter and class leader; a carpenter by occupation. He resided for many years at North Bern., but the last years of his life he lived on the site of the Burk Fort. He d. Oct. 18, 1876, ae. 67. Had an adopted dau., Ellen Downer, who m. Lewis Dean; res. Northampton.

SMITH, MOSES, b. 1707; m. Elizabeth ———, who d. July 20, 1777. They came from Chesterfield, N. H. He d. Dec. 30, 1785. Children:

- i. JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, b. Mch. 26, 1752; m. Sept. 23, 1776, Anna Sophronia ———. She was b. May 21, 1759; d. Jan. 14, 1818. He d. Oct. 30, 1812. She m. (2) in 1814, Joseph Allen. Had eleven children, among whom was a dau., Nancy<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 25, 1781; m. Ezra Foster.
- ii. MOSES<sup>2</sup>, probably b. 1747; m. Eunice, dau. Benjamin Green. She d. June, 1829. He d. May 9, 1830.

1. SNOW, Dea. PRENCE<sup>6</sup>, or PRINCE<sup>6</sup>, (Isaac<sup>6</sup>, Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, Nicholas<sup>3</sup>, Mark<sup>2</sup>, Nicholas<sup>1</sup>.) b. June 1, 1746, in Rochester, Mass. He is descended from Nicholas of Plymouth, who was passenger to this country in the *Ann*, 1623; had 12 children. Deacon Prince<sup>6</sup> m. in Rochester, Mass., Dec. 6, 1770, Content Doty. She was a native of that place, and d. in Bern. Mch. 11, 1828, ae. 79. In 1772 rem. to Greenfield, and in April, 1782, to Bern. He resided upon Snow Hill, in the east part of the town. Was surveyor of highways 1786, selectman 1797. He d. Apr. 23, 1828, ae. 82. Children, order of birth uncertain:

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  - i. THOMAS<sup>7</sup>, b. Nov. 9, 1771, in Rochester, Mass.
  - ii. DEBORAH<sup>7</sup>, m. Rosel Flint, Nov. 23, 1792.
  - iii. THANKFUL<sup>7</sup>, m. Dr. Richard Taylor of New York State.
  - iv. SARAH<sup>7</sup>, b. 1778; m. Elias<sup>8</sup> Parmenter, Jr., June 15, 1797; died Feb. 19, 1843.
  - v. JOSEPHUS<sup>7</sup>, m. Miss Vongun; res. New York State.
  - vi. BARNABAS<sup>7</sup>, b. June 28, 1783; m. Huldah Crocken; res. New York State.
  - vii. ELISHA<sup>7</sup>, b. Nov. 17, 1787; m. Margaret<sup>8</sup>, dau. of Dr. Calvin<sup>4</sup> Scott. He resided "around the mountain," near the Davenport farm; d. Mch. 5, 1834. Had: 1. Calvin S.<sup>8</sup>, b. Sept. 18, 1815; rem.

to New York State. 2. Son<sup>8</sup>, b. Nov. 13; d. Nov. 16, 1816. 3. Julia Maria<sup>8</sup>, b. Feb. 9, 1821; m. May 7, 1839, Cyrus W.<sup>3</sup> Hale. She d. June 8, 1848. 4. Alexander H.<sup>8</sup>, b. Nov. 7, 1823; resides Connecticut.

- viii. PRINCE<sup>7</sup>, Jr., b. Sept. 12, 1792; m. Oct. 1, 1818, Asenath<sup>5</sup>, dau. Dr. Calvin<sup>4</sup> Scott; d. Sept. 23, 1876; was for many years insane. He m. (2) in 1830, Sally Maria, dau. David Ryther, and widow of Elisha Starkweather. She was b. Dec. 25, 1805; d. Feb. 6, 1892, in Coose, N. H. He was a farmer, residing the latter part of his life in Bloomfield, Vt., where he d. May 1, 1878. Had: 1. Jane<sup>8</sup>, b. Aug. 19, 1819, in Bern.; m. Ovid French; d. in Wisconsin. 2. Eliza<sup>8</sup>, b. 1821; m. Franklin Alger. 3. Zelnora<sup>8</sup>, b. Feb. 24, 1824; m. William Glover, July 7, 1851, in Salt Lake City; resides Lewiston, Cache Co., Utah. From her the most of the records of this family have been obtained. 4. Minerva<sup>8</sup>, b. July 8, 1827; m. Wm. Edward Cooke. By second wife: 5. Charles<sup>8</sup>, b. 1831, in Bern; killed at battle of Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862. 6. Nelson<sup>8</sup>, b. in Bloomfield, Vt.; resides Coos, N. H. 7. Mary<sup>8</sup>, b. in Bloomfield, Vt.; resides Coos, N. H. 8. Sumner<sup>8</sup>, resides in Rochester, Minn. 9. Theresa<sup>8</sup>, d. ae. seven years. 10. Emma<sup>8</sup>, d. ae. five years. 11. Alexander<sup>8</sup>, d. ae. three years.

2. SNOW, THOMAS<sup>7</sup>, Dea., (Dea. Prince<sup>6</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, Nicholas<sup>3</sup>, Mark<sup>2</sup>, Nicholas<sup>1</sup>.) b. Nov. 9, 1771, in Rochester, Mass.; m. Jan. 28, 1801, Syble, dau. of Elias Parmenter. She was b. Jan. 6, 1778; d. Dec. 4, 1865. He resided for 11 years on the Capt. Root place; rem. in 1814 to the old Moses Scott place, now owned by Frederick Chase. He d. June 20, 1858. Children:

- i. THOMAS ANSON<sup>8</sup>, b. July 9, 1802; m. Sylvia A.<sup>5</sup>, dau. Dr. Gideon<sup>4</sup> Ryther, Apr. 24, 1831. She was b. Feb. 17, 1803; m. (2) Apr. 21, 1840, George Holton; d. June 15, 1888. Mr. Snow d. suddenly Oct. 4, 1838. Had: 1. George Washington<sup>9</sup>, b. Feb. 22, 1832; is a railroad conductor in the West. 2. Angelia Sophia<sup>9</sup>, b. Aug. 31, 1834; d. Nov. 7, 1848. 3. Thomas<sup>9</sup>, is a conductor on the Illinois Central R. R.
- ii. RANSEL SHELDON<sup>8</sup>, b. June 25, 1804; d. Nov. 6, 1827, at Clinton, Ga.







BARNABAS SNOW

A direct descendant of Thomas Pierce, who was Governor of Plymouth Colony for over thirty years, during the seventeenth century. Also of Elder William Brewster and Stephen Hopkins, who were prominent passengers on the Mayflower when she completed her historic voyage, landing at Plymouth in 1620.



MRS. JULIA FOSTER (BERKOW) SNOW.

For ancestry see John Comblin, page 33.

- iii. SOPHRONIA PARMENTER<sup>8</sup>, b. July 5, 1806; m. May 4, 1828, Seorim B<sup>1</sup>. Slate; d. Jan. 11, 1856.
- iv. CONTENT DOTY<sup>8</sup>, b. July 25, 1808; m. Jan. 1, 1829, George L. Holton; d. July 8, 1859.
- v. JONATHAN<sup>8</sup>, b. Sept. 17, 1810; m. July 16, 1841, Rebecca Spaulding; d. May 26, 1885.
- vi. FRANCIS NEWCOMB<sup>8</sup>, b. Mch. 6, 1813; m. Nov. 27, 1834, Sarepta, dau. of Jesse Knights of Northfield; d. Feb. 20, 1878, in Princeton, Wis.
- vii. EDWARD HOYT<sup>8</sup>, b. Dec. 14, 1815; m. Aug. 16, 1849, Wealthy, dau. Otis Hastings of Greenfield. He was selectman 1849-51; resided on the old place. He d. May 13, 1856, and she m. (2) Mch. 14, 1861, Lucius L. Barbour of Collinsville, Ct.
- 3. viii. BARNABAS<sup>8</sup>, b. May 18, 1818.
  - ix. SYBIL S.<sup>8</sup>, b. Sept. 22, 1820; m. May 16, 1850, Simeon Sheldon<sup>9</sup> Cushman; d. Dec. 10, 1855, at Fairfield, Iowa.
  - x. HARRIET L.<sup>8</sup>, b. July 23, 1824; m. Rufus Holton, May 10, 1849; res. Westerly, R. I.
- 3. SNOW, BARNABAS<sup>7</sup>, (Dea. Thomas<sup>7</sup>, Dea. Prence<sup>8</sup>, Isaac<sup>5</sup>, Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, Nicholas<sup>3</sup>, Mark<sup>2</sup>, Nicholas<sup>1</sup>.) b. May 18, 1818; m. Apr. 22, 1845, Julia Louisa<sup>4</sup>, dau. of Isaac<sup>3</sup> Burrows. She was born Sept. 21, 1826. He carried on the blacksmith business several years in Bernardston, selling the same to Enoch Moore, and took up his residence in the north part of Greenfield near the Bernardston line, where he was successfully engaged in farming. In social and religious matters he and his estimable wife were always identified with the latter place. Mr. Snow d. suddenly, being thrown from his carriage Sept., 1899. His place, "Elmhurst," is now owned by his son Isaac. Mrs. Snow resides in Greenfield with her daughter, Mrs. Dickinson. Children :
  - i. JOSEPHINE L.<sup>9</sup>, b. Apr. 2, 1847; m. Jan. 4, 1871, Edgar H. Dickinson of Hatfield. He d. June 7, 1875. She resides Greenfield. Had: 1. Charles E.<sup>10</sup>, b. June 17, 1872. 2. Herbert L.<sup>10</sup>, b. July 25, 1874; d. Dec. 29, 1898.
  - ii. ISAAC B.<sup>9</sup>, b. June 28, 1850; m. Sept. 9, 1874, Jennie M. Knight. He was at one time railroad conductor in the West. Since 1879

he has been superintendent of agencies of the Mass. Mutual Life Insurance Co.; resides Chicago, Ill. Has son, Morton<sup>10</sup>.

iii. JULIA IDA<sup>9</sup>, b. Sept. 22, 1854; d. June 28, 1857.

iv. FRANK H.<sup>9</sup>, b. July 9, 1864; m. May 17, 1893, Harriet May, dau. of Lathrop Smith of Greenfield, where he resides; is an insurance agent. Had: 1. Barbara L.<sup>10</sup>, b. Sept. 4, 1895; d. Mch. 18, 1896. 2. Thomas Lathrop<sup>10</sup>, b. July 13, 1900.

1. SPRAGUE, HEZEKIAH, was the first of the name to settle in Franklin County. He was b. in Groton, Mass., in 1740; m. Rachel Byham, who d. Jan. 24, 1831, ae. 91 years. Children:

i. ASA<sup>2</sup>, b. 1775; published to Sarah Hodge of Warwick Dec. 27, 1802. He d. Sept. 3, 1806.

2. ii. JOSE<sup>2</sup>, b. May 8, 1777, in Guilford, Vt.

iii. ELIZABETH<sup>2</sup>.

iv. PHEBE<sup>2</sup>.

v. MARY<sup>2</sup>, probably m. Jan. 22, 1795, Silas Green.

vi. APPHIA<sup>2</sup>, published with Elihu Town of Warwick, Jan. 26, 1808. An Asenath m. Apr. 2, 1825, Cyrus Briggs. Perhaps of this family.

2. SPRAGUE, JOSE<sup>2</sup>, (Hezekiah<sup>1</sup>), b. in Guilford, Vt., May 8, 1777; m. 1808, Phoebe<sup>2</sup>, dau. Chileab<sup>1</sup> Hale. She was b. Aug. 6, 1783; d. May 31, 1862. He resided near the Gill line, and d. Nov. 30, 1852. Children:

i. JOSEPH S.<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 8, 1810; d. Mch. 22, 1890; m. Betsey ——— who d. June 21, 1835, ae. 64. Had: 1. Stillman<sup>4</sup>, m. Apr. 9, 1861, Sybil C. Miner of Leyden. Son<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 20, 1866.

ii. LURANCY M.<sup>3</sup>, b. Mch. 25, 1812; d. Dec. 3, 1847.

iii. AVERY WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, b. July 8, 1814; m. Sept. 5, 1861, Sophia A., dau. Obed Newton of Greenfield. She d. Apr. 23, 1893. He d. Oct. 18, 1886. Had: 1. Susan F.<sup>4</sup>, b. May 21, 1862; m. William A. Scott, Apr. 30, 1895; res. Greenfield. 2. Nettie Bell<sup>4</sup>, b. Sept. 21, 1864; d. Apr. 23, 1865. 3. Martha A.<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 15, 1866; res. Greenfield; unm. 4. Asa W.<sup>4</sup>, b. June 30, 1869; res. Greenfield; unm.

iv. SON<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 17; d. Oct. 19, 1816.

- v. LYSANDER H.<sup>3</sup>, b. Jan. 29, 1818; m. (1) July 5, 1852, Clorinda O. Look of Montague. She d. Dec. 7, 1858, ae. 23; m. (2) June 30, 1859, Mrs. Nancy S. Rockwood of Vernon, Vt., dau. of James Streeter; she d. Feb. 12, 1890, ae. 72. Resided east part of the town; held the office of selectman. He d. May 8, 1895. Had:  
1. Mary<sup>4</sup>, m. Chas. W. Deane. 2. Abbie E.<sup>4</sup>, d. Jan. 2, 1864, ae. six years, eight months.
- vi. LOVINA<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 27, 1824; m. Apr. 13, 1846, Seth<sup>4</sup> Hale; d. Oct. 16, 1847.
- vii. LUCINA<sup>3</sup>, b. also Aug. 27, 1824; d. Sept. 29, 1851.

STRATTON, ALFRED, MORELL, (Samuel from Northfield, Rufus?), b. Feb. 26, 1827, in Gill; m. Dorothy Adeline, dau. of George Doolittle of Northfield, Feb. 26, 1851. She d. Sept. 8, 1899, ae. 72. He m. (2) Dec. 6, 1900, Mrs. Martha, dau. of Erastus Ryther, and widow of Lucius Pierce Chapin. Mr. Stratton rem. to Bern. about 1863, and engaged in mercantile business and farming, in both of which he has been eminently successful. Is now retired. Resides nearly opposite the M. E. church. Children:

- i. WILLIS ALFRED, b. Nov. 24, 1851; m. Dec. 4, 1872, Ella, dau. of Sumner Sanderson of Greenfield. Mr. Stratton has been for several years engaged in mercantile and livery business. Has held the office of selectman; resides on the old Goodale place. Has:  
1. Sumner Sanderson, m. Sept. 14, 1899, Carrie Etta, dau. M. D. Stratton of Montague; resides Millers Falls.
- ii. ADELLA, b. Sept. 8, 1857; m. A. A. Mann of Easthampton May 4, 1887. She d. Nov. 4, 1898.
- iii. EVERETT DARLING, b. Apr. 29, 1864; m. May 4, 1887, Mary E., dau. George Wyatt. Had: 1. Leon E.<sup>3</sup>, b. 1893; d. Oct. 6, 1898. 2. Earl Alfred<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 23; d. Oct. 24, 1899.

STREETER, BRADLEY<sup>7</sup>, (Isaiah<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, James<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Stephen<sup>2</sup>, Stephen<sup>1</sup> of Gloucester in 1642), b. Sept. 5, 1809; m. Caroline Benton of Hinsdale, N. H., who d. Dec., 1882. He d. Dec. 22, 1882; resided on Huckle Hill near the Vernon line, on the place formerly owned by English Newcomb. Children:

- i. ROMANZO<sup>8</sup>, rem. to Minnesota.
- ii. MARY<sup>8</sup>, b. Sept. 11, 1846; m. (1) David Demetrius<sup>7</sup> Streeter; m. (2) ——— Kendrick.
- iii. HARVEY D.<sup>8</sup>, b. Dec. 2, 1848.
- iv. HORACE N.<sup>8</sup>, b. Sept. 30, 1851.
- v. WILBUR<sup>8</sup>.
- vi. MINERVA<sup>8</sup>, m. John Streeter of Vernon, Vt.
- vii. HELEN<sup>8</sup>, m. Emory Slate.

STREETER, Deacon DAVID<sup>6</sup>, (Joel<sup>5</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Stephen<sup>2</sup>, Stephen<sup>1</sup> of Gloucester 1642), b. 1804; m. Rachael Lee, who d. Feb. 28, 1897, ae. 84, at Mt. Hermon. He d. Nov. 10, 1879. He rem. to Bern. from Vernon, Vt., and resided on the David Severance place on Huckle Hill. Children:

- i. HENRY HARRISON<sup>7</sup>, b. Apr. 11, 1840; drowned July 24, 1841.
- ii. RICHARD ERWIN<sup>7</sup>, b. July 9, 1837; d. Apr. 17, 1857, ae. 19 years.
- iii. DAVID DEMETRIUS<sup>7</sup>, b. Oct. 17, 1834; m. (1) Mary, dau. Bradley Streeter; m. (2) Sarah, dau. Chas. Holton of West Northfield; res. Mt. Hermon. Had: 1. Daughter<sup>3</sup>, b. Nov. 19, 1860 2. Hattie<sup>8</sup>. By second wife: 3. Son<sup>8</sup>.
- iv. HENRY ONESINUES<sup>7</sup>, b. Sept. 25, 1842; m. Francella Sophia<sup>4</sup>, dau. Charles<sup>2</sup> Parks, Dec. 4, 1866. He d. Sept. 25, or Oct. 1, 1870. She m. (2) Henry Wells of Montague, Dec. 3, 1874; res. on his father's place on Huckle Hill. Had: 1. Henry Erwin<sup>8</sup>. 2. Henrietta L<sup>8</sup>.
- v. GEORGIANNA<sup>7</sup>, b. Jan. 3, 1845; m. Sept. 19, 1865, Moses R<sup>4</sup> Nelson.
- vi. JULIETTA<sup>7</sup>, m. Galusha P. Newton.

STREETER, JAMES, Jr., (James), m. Jan. 30, 1861, Eunice Serepta, dau. John<sup>3</sup> Nelson; came from Rowe. He resided on the Ruggles Green place, Bald Mountain road, and d. Jan. 7, 1895, ae. 64 yrs., 8 mos. Children:

- i. BERTHA<sup>2</sup>, m. Luman R.<sup>5</sup> Nelson; res. Winchester, N. H.
- ii. ROSE LOUISE<sup>2</sup>, m. Sept. 28, 1900, John Wilbur Condon of Manchester, N. H.
- iii. ERWIN M.<sup>2</sup>, m.; resides on the Benjamin Green, Jr., place, Bald Mountain road.



SYKES, SAMUEL, Jr., was selectman in Bern. in 1803, 5, 6 and 7, and was probably the son of Widow Jemima Sykes, late of Suffield, Ct., who d. in Bern. Oct. 1, 1807, in her 88th year. He m. Lucy ———. Oct. 6, 1807, he advertised a farm of 60 acres for sale in the center of Bern., within 10 rods of meeting and schoolhouses. Children:

- i. LUCINDA<sup>2</sup>, b. June 16, 1782, in Suffield, Ct.; m. Nov. 29, 1804, Asahel<sup>7</sup> Newcomb; settled in Whitestown, N. Y.
- ii. SETH LEONARD<sup>2</sup>, b. Aug. 27, 1798.
- iii. LUCY CELINDA<sup>2</sup>, b. Apr. 2, 1801.
- iv. POLLY EMILA<sup>2</sup>, b. Jan. 20, 1804.
- v. SAMUEL VIRGIL<sup>2</sup>, b. June 24, 1806; m. Nov. 1, 1831, Caroline, dau. Amos Slate. She was b. Oct. 22, 1810; d. 1898, in Hartford, where their children reside. He came to town from Brattleboro, Vt., returning after a residence here of a few years.

TEMPLE, PARMENAS, of Northfield, 1806-15; removed to Bern.; was of Palermo, N. Y., 1838; m. Hannah, dau. of John Caldwell of Northfield, Nov. 9, 1806. She was b. 1793. He may have been the son of Daniel, who was b. in 1759; d. Sept. 24, 1839. A Parmenas Temple m. Feb. 29, 1828, Sarah Starkweather. He d. in Palermo, N. Y., Apr. 18, 1850, ae. 67. (b. 1783.) Children:

- i. DANIEL W.<sup>2</sup>, b. Aug. 31, 1809; m. Apr. 18, 1838, Catherine F., dau. Wilkins Clark. She was b. Jan., 1823; d. Oct. 30, 1875. He was selectman for eight years; also representative to the General Court, and postmaster several years; d. Aug. 1, 1879. Had: 1. Wosson Clark<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 1, 1840. 2. John W<sup>3</sup>, b. about 1841; m. Ella Chase Feb. 1, 1877; d. May 30, 1877. 3. Catharine Ellen<sup>3</sup>, b. Mch. 8, 1842; m. Lewis A. Slate; d. Mch. 16, 1899. 4. Alfred B.<sup>3</sup>, b. 1844; d. Aug. 3, 1875. 5. G. Wells<sup>3</sup>, b. 1846; d. in Milton, Wis., Nov. 11, 1869. 6. Dexter<sup>3</sup>. 7. Ida M.<sup>3</sup>. 8. Carroll R.<sup>3</sup>. 9. Frank W.<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 9, 1868; d. Aug. 13, 1888.
- ii. MINERVA<sup>2</sup>, (?) who m. Feb. 11, 1840, Henry Sheldon of Wendell.
- iii. SOLOMON W.<sup>2</sup>, (?) who d. Feb. 29, 1852, ae. 35 years; m. in Warwick, Jan. 29, 1851, Melissa E. Briggs of Orange.

- iv. GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup>, m. Carrie F. Horton. She d. July 12, 1871, ae. 40. At one time kept store at North Bern.; rem. to New York State. Had: (?) 1. Minnie L.<sup>3</sup>, d. Sept. 19, 1860, ae. three years. 2. George H.<sup>3</sup>, d. Sept. 16, 1863, ae. six months. 3. Luella F.<sup>3</sup>, d. Feb. 17, 1859, ae. six years. 4. Elsie F.<sup>3</sup>, d. Mch. 27, 1860, ae. one year.

TUTE, JAMES, b. about 1685; of unknown ancestry. He resided successively at Hardwick, Brookfield, and Deerfield, removing thence to Bern. about 1753. He here held in 1762 the office of deerreave. He m. June 15, 1725, Keziah Carey, who d. in Whately, Apr. 6, 1795, ae. 88. He d. in Vernon, Vt., Apr. 14, 1775. He is spoken of on the town records as "Old Tute." Had nine children.

1. TYLER, NATHANIEL, of Guilford, Vermont. Children:

- i. WILLIAM E.<sup>2</sup>, b. Oct. 6, 1812; m. Sarah Gaines of Guilford, Vt. She was b. Oct. 15, 1815; d. Dec. 9, 1861. He resided on the place now owned by George Hodgen; d. Mch. 30, 1861. Had: 1. Daughter<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 13; d. Feb. 18, 1842. 2. Susan Sylvina<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 22, 1838; d. Jan. 22, 1862. 3. Henry<sup>3</sup>, b. 1840; resided Factory Hollow, Greenfield; m. Nov. 14, 1862, Isabel Atherton of Gill. He d. July 18, 1901, ae. 61. 4. Chester<sup>3</sup>, a carpenter; resides Orange. 5. Frank<sup>3</sup>, m. Gertrude, dau. of John Allen of Greenfield; both are dead.
- ii. GEORGE W.<sup>2</sup>, m. Charlane P. Burnett. She d. July 24, 1875. He was a carpenter by trade, living in North Bern., 1845-50, and the last years of his life on South street, the place now owned by Henry Keet, where he d. Had: 1. Arvilla Y.<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 16, 1835; d. Apr. 22, 1845. 2. George Edward<sup>3</sup>, b. Apr. 3, 1839; res. Readsboro, Vt. 3. Nathaniel Merick<sup>3</sup>, res. Westfield. George E. and Nathaniel M. were soldiers in the civil war; Nathaniel M. d. Nov. 23, 1898; one son, George H. 4. Matilda C.<sup>3</sup>, m. September 19, 1865, Wm. H. Johnson of Vernon, Vt.; res. Illinois. 5. Hattie<sup>3</sup>, m. Edmund C. Newton. She resides Fitchburg. 6. Arvilla Y.<sup>3</sup>, m. Simon Keet. 7. John<sup>3</sup>, m. Sarah Wetherhead; d. in Brattleboro, Vt. 8. Hannah<sup>3</sup>, m. Henry Keet.
- iii. MAJOR H.<sup>2</sup>, b. June 16, 1822, in Guilford; m. Sophia R., dau.

- Seorim Cushman, Oct. 24, 1847. He d. Feb. 1, 1900; resided in Greenfield. Had: 1. Clarence C.<sup>3</sup>, m. Susan Slate; express messenger; res. Greenfield. 2. Jennie<sup>3</sup>, m. John H. Amidon. 3. Albert H.<sup>3</sup>, m.; resides Philadelphia, Pa.
- iv. MATILDA<sup>2</sup>, b. Dec., 1810; m. ——— Andrews; res. Chagrin Falls, O.; d. Apr. 21, 1899.
- v. MARY<sup>2</sup>, m. ——— Houghton; res. Williamstown.
- vi. ESTHER E.<sup>2</sup>, m. ——— Fisher; res. Exeter, N. H.
- vii. SON<sup>2</sup>.
- viii. SON<sup>2</sup>.

1. WARNER, ICHABOD. A careful research has failed to positively place the ancestry of this family, but everything indicates that he was the son of Ichabod, and grandson of Ichabod and Mary (Metcalf) Warner, who were m. in Lebanon, Ct., Mch. 5, 1711-12. Their oldest son, Ichabod, was b. Dec. 10, 1712. Ichabod<sup>3</sup>, (Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Andrew<sup>1</sup>, of Cambridge 1632, Hartford 1639, Hadley 1660), is supposed to have settled in Mansfield, Ct., or near there, and is undoubtedly the Ichabod who, in 1711, m. Mary Metcalfe. If this is the correct hypothesis, the ancestral line would be Ichabod<sup>6</sup>, Ichabod<sup>4</sup>, Ichabod<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Andrew<sup>1</sup>. Ichabod<sup>5</sup>, b. 1733; came to town not far from 1755, settling on land in the extreme north part of the town, a large portion of which has always remained in the family. The house was located a few rods south of that now owned and occupied by A. B. Warner. He took an active part in the Indian warfare, being out in Israel Williams' Co., on duty to the westward from Dec. 11, 1755, to Oct. 18, 1756. His name appears on another muster roll of Capt. Williams', bearing dates from Oct. 19, 1756, to Jan. 23, 1757, on the same service. His name appears on two of John Burk's enlistment rolls, the first ending Nov. 30, 1758, the second organized Feb. 24, 1760, for the total reduction of Canada. He held various town offices, including that of selectman and surveyor of highways, and appears to have been one of the prominent men in the town's early history. His house was twice burned. He m. Jan. 7, 1766, Hannah<sup>4</sup>, dau. of Lieut. David<sup>3</sup> Ryther. She was b. May 10, 1746; d. Aug. 6,

1815. He d. July 13, 1814, and in the notice of his death, "Printers in Albany are requested to give insertion to the same." Children:

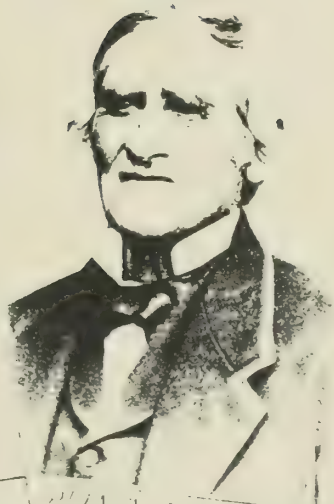
- i. ELIHU<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan. 18, 1768; d. Mch. 15, 1800.
- ii. LEVI<sup>6</sup>, b. Sept. 17, 1769; mentioned as carrying letter to Gideon Rider when in Dartmouth College; no further record.
2. iii. PLINEY<sup>6</sup>, b. Nov. 23, 1771.
- iv. JOEL<sup>6</sup>, b. June 19, 1773; m. (1) Thankful<sup>6</sup>, dau. Lieut. Joel<sup>5</sup> Chapin, Apr. 27, 1799. She d. Apr. 5, 1812, ae. 37; m. (2) Gratia<sup>6</sup>, dau. Lieut. Joel<sup>5</sup> Chapin. Intention recorded May 23, 1812; m. (3) Widow Rebecca Ackley of Halifax, Vt. Joel Warner went West, where he d. Had: 1. Sarah Burke<sup>7</sup>, b. Feb. 8, 1800; m. Apr. 14, 1819, Lewis Prouty, who had a tannery at the north part of the town. By second wife: 2. Climena<sup>7</sup>, m. Arunah Hyde of Poultney, Vt., Jan. 19, 1824. 3. Charlotte<sup>7</sup>, m. ——— Lackey; resided Whitehall, N. Y. 4. Oliver<sup>7</sup>, rem. to Penn. 5. Horace<sup>7</sup>, d. at Greenfield; unm.; was a stage driver. By third wife: 6. Gratia<sup>7</sup>. 7. Rebecca<sup>7</sup>. 8. Phelps<sup>7</sup>. 9. Rachael<sup>7</sup>. 10. Anson<sup>7</sup>, who was the father of Anson K. Warner, late of Greenfield.
- v. ROSWELL<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 8, 1776; m. Lurena ——— Had: 1. Parthena<sup>7</sup>, b. Apr. 29, 1798. 2. Hathaway<sup>7</sup>, b. Oct. 5, 1800. 3. Peleg<sup>7</sup>, b. Apr. 11, 1803.
- vi. PARTHENIA<sup>6</sup>, b. Apr. 8, 1779; d. Dec. 27, 1796.
- vii. SETH<sup>6</sup>, b. June 4, 1782; marriage intention with Lucinda Jones of Guilford, Vt., entered June 6, 1812.
- viii. LUCINDY<sup>6</sup>, b. July 11, 1785; d. Sept. 20, 1837; unm.
2. WARNER, PLINEY<sup>6</sup>, (Ichabod<sup>5</sup>, Ichabod<sup>4</sup>, (?) Ichabod<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Andrew<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 23, 1771; m. (1) Nov. 29, 1797, Jerusha Jones of Guilford, Vt. She d. Feb. 27, 1836, ae. 60; m. (2) the widow of Erastus Tyler. She m. (3) Joseph Franklin of Vernon, Vt. Mr. Warner was selectman in 1822; d. Sept. 11, 1850. He resided on the east side of the Brattleboro road, near the Vermont line, the house now occupied by the Clark family. Children:

- i. ISAAC JONES<sup>7</sup>, b. Nov. 4, 1798; d. Feb. 22, 1805.
3. ii. OTIS BLACKMAR<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 27, 1800.

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  - iii. PLINEY RYTHER<sup>7</sup>, b. Feb. 14, 1803.
  - iv. ANSON<sup>7</sup>, b. Nov. 15, 1804; rem. to Penn; d. Feb. 13, 1864.
  - v. HANNAH MARIA<sup>7</sup>, b. Jan. 7, 1807; d. Sept. 15, 1810.
  - vi. ORREN J.<sup>7</sup>, b. 1814; d. at Chicopee Falls, Oct. 6, 1841.
  - vii. GILES<sup>7</sup>, rem. West.
  - viii. HANNAH MARIA<sup>7</sup>, b. Dec. 7, 1811; m. Israel<sup>8</sup> Putnam, Sept. 5, 1837. She d. May 7, 1866.
  
3. WARNER, OTIS BLACKMAR<sup>7</sup>, (Pliney<sup>6</sup>, Ichabod<sup>5</sup>, Ichabod<sup>4</sup>, (?) Ichabod<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Andrew<sup>1</sup>,) b. Aug. 27, 1800; m. (1) Nov. 15, 1831, Eunice C., dau. Capt. Wm. and Caroline (Connable) Felton of Franklin, Vt. She d. Sept. 30, 1838, in Franklin. He m. (2) Mary Matilda, dau. of Isaac and Delinda (Keep) Brown of Guilford, Vt., Apr. 27, 1840. She was b. Mch. 12, 1819; d. Sept. 11, 1896. Mr. Warner resided on a part of the ancestral farm at North Bernardston; served the town as selectman; d. Feb. 19, 1882. Children:
  - i. SON<sup>8</sup>, b. 1832; d. Feb. 27, 1833, ae. four months.
  - ii. DAU.<sup>8</sup>, b. and d. Mch. 31, 1835.
  - iii. DAU.<sup>8</sup>, b. and d. Mch. 7, 1836.
  - iv. CARRIE M.<sup>8</sup>, b. June 25, 1837; m. (1) Squire Shedd, by whom she had one son, who is m. and resides in Boston; m. (2) July 5, 1893, Edwin Bell; res. Franklin, Vt.
  - v. AUGUSTA<sup>8</sup>, b. Oct. 29, 1842; m. Aug. 2, 1865, Deforest E. Shattuck; res. Hatfield, Mass.; three children.
  - vi. GEORGE EMERSON<sup>8</sup>, b. Apr. 27, 1847; m. Nov. 22, 1870, Delia Elmira, dau. Blanford Hale. He is salesman for E. Crosby & Co. of Brattleboro, Vt., where he resides. She d. Sept. 20, 1900.
  - vii. MARY D.<sup>8</sup>, b. Mch. 5, 1845; unm.
  - viii. LUCY H.<sup>8</sup>, b. Oct. 11, 1849; unm.
  - ix. ALBERT B.<sup>8</sup>, b. Apr. 9, 1853; m. Carrie, dau. Edward Dennison of Leyden, Dec. 11, 1878. He resides at North Bernardston on the place owned by his father, and has added to that until he is one of the largest land owners, and a successful enterprising farmer. Mr. Warner has served as selectman, and is active in the social and religious life of the place. Had: 1. Breta Mary<sup>9</sup>, b. Feb. 24, 1894. 2. George<sup>9</sup>.



4. WARNER, PLINEY RYTHER<sup>7</sup>, (Pliney<sup>6</sup>, Ichabod<sup>5</sup>, Ichabod<sup>4</sup>, (?) Ichabod<sup>3</sup>, Isaac<sup>2</sup>, Andrew<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 14, 1803; m. (1) Lurancy<sup>7</sup>, dau. of Solomon<sup>6</sup> Andrews of Guilford, Vt., Mch. 13, 1828. She was b. Feb. 7, 1804; d. Sept. 26, 1857; m. (2) Nov. 1, 1858, Elizabeth<sup>7</sup>, dau. of Solomon<sup>6</sup> Andrews, and widow of Richard Gaines. He resided on the second farm north of his brother Otis; d. Mch. 28, 1877. Mrs. Warner was b. Sept. 6, 1815, and d. in Pioneer, Mich., June 18, 1896. Mr. Warner, together with his brothers-in-law, Sanford and Nehemiah Andrews, and Philander Slate, made a quartet of noted fox-hunters. Children:
- i. HARRIET DELIGHT<sup>8</sup>, b. Jan. 2, 1829; m. Apr. 27, 1853, Amos Washburn; d. in Brattleboro, Vt., May 27, 1875; three children.
  - ii. DWIGHT CHARLES<sup>8</sup>, b. Aug. 1, 1830; m. July 8, 1857, Laura S.<sup>9</sup>, dau. of Zenas<sup>7</sup> Cutler. He early removed to Springfield, where for several years he was a stationary engineer, and about 1860, engaged in the retail shoe business with his brother-in-law, L. Z. Cutler, and still later in the wholesale trade in the firm of Cutler, McIntosh & Co.; d. suddenly Jan., 1897. Had: 1. Alice Lucy<sup>9</sup>, b. Aug. 3, 1859; m. Dec. 9, 1880, Frederic W. Schlesinger. He is dead. She resides in Springfield. Children: Alice<sup>10</sup>, Edna<sup>10</sup>, and Arline<sup>10</sup> Schlesinger. 2. Ella Brigham<sup>9</sup>, b. Mch. 24, 1862; m. Sept., 1886, Herbert C. Pecker, a shoe manufacturer of Lynn, but now of Lynchburg, Va. Children: Herbert<sup>10</sup> and Ruth<sup>10</sup> Pecker. 3. Frank Pliney<sup>9</sup>, b. Mch. 28, 1868; enlisted in Co. L, 21st Reg., now in service in Phillipines. 4. Harriet Lillian<sup>9</sup>, b. Dec. 5, 1872; m. June 23, 1897, James F. Ferre; res. Springfield. 5. Carrie Edith<sup>9</sup>, b. July 19, 1878; d. Sept. 3, 1879. †
  - iii. GEORGE<sup>8</sup>, b. Feb. 11, 1833; m. Dec. 25, 1882, Issanellah De S., dau. of John A. Rideout of Lynn. At the breaking out of the civil war, he was assistant jailer of the Hampden County jail at Springfield. Sept. 13, 1861, he enlisted in Co. K, 27th Mass. Reg., Vol., and was made the first lieutenant of the same the 16th of October following. When the regiment left the State, he was detailed to remain and secure stragglers, but rejoined his regiment at Annapolis, emptyhanded, reporting that "the 27th Mass. had no such men." While with his company at the battle of Newberne, his right foot was shattered by a grape shot,



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and the limb amputated on the field. He was the first to receive the hospitality of the New England rooms in New York City, and with the aid of crutches, reached home the May following. His four months leave of absence was extended to Jan. 1, 1863, when he rejoined his regiment at Little Washington, participating in the siege. He was appointed commissary of subsistence at Newberne until Aug. 20, 1863, when by "General Order 229," he was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps, and assigned to the command of the 26th Co., 2nd Battalion, at Ft. Schuyler and Willis Point. After a rigid examination he received a commission as 1st Lieutenant U. S. Vol., signed by President Lincoln, upon receipt of which he resigned his commission in the 27th Regiment. He organized the 129th Com. Veteran Reserve Corps for duty at Finley Hospital, and soon after reported to Col. Thomas at Cincinnati. He remained at Lytle Barracks eighteen months, receiving Mch. 13, 1865, a commission of Captain by Brevet of U. S. Vol., signed by Andrew Johnson, in recognition of his meritorious service. During the early part of his service, in Mch., 1862, he captured a camp situated on what was known as the North Carolina Fair Grounds. This was renovated and remodeled, and for him named Camp Warner. Upon his entering the service, Sheriff Bush, on behalf of his Springfield friends, presented him with a sword, sash and belt, and subsequent events proved that their appreciation of him was well merited. After the war he was for some time in the Custom House in Boston. Later he was associated with N. S. Cutler, the friend of his boyhood days, in the shoe business here, leaving to go to Lewiston, Me., where he formed a partnership with Mr. Dam in the retail clothing business, which was ultimately transferred to Lynn, his present residence. Had:

- i. George Pliney<sup>9</sup>, b. Dec. 16, 1885.

iv. ISABELLA JERUSHA<sup>8</sup>, b. May 10, 1836; m. Apr. 29, 1858, Hunt W.<sup>4</sup> Burrows; res. Vernon, Vt.

v. WILLIAM HENRY<sup>8</sup>, b. Mch. 15, 1840; m. Sarah ———; has six children; resides New York City. Mr. Warner has always been a popular hotel clerk.

WETHERHEAD, ABERTUS, came from Guilford, Vt., and established himself in the wheelwright business; m. Cornelia M., dau. of

Alvah Scott. He d. in Bern. Mrs. Wetherhead resides in Greenfield with her son-in-law. Children:

- i. SON<sup>2</sup>, b. Nov. 14, 1862; d. young.
- ii. MABEL<sup>2</sup>, who m. John Osgood, and d.

1. WEBSTER, STEPHEN, b. about 1729; parentage unknown; having the title of captain, was enlisted as a carpenter in the early Indian expeditions of 1756. Later the same year he was enlisted in the "late intended expedition against Crown Point"; m. (1) Rebekah ———; m. (2) Esther (family bible), or Elizabeth (town records). The former is probably correct. She d. Dec. 20, 1787, ae. 69; m. (3) Widow Patience Johnson of Hinsdale, N. H. Intention recorded June 8, 1788. She d. Aug. 1, 1809. The family moved to Northfield Mch. 22, 1817. While here he was a prominent man, holding minor town offices, selectman, Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety. He was later known as Major Webster, but where he got the title is unknown. He d. Feb. 4, 1818, ae. 89. His home was the place on the North Bern. road, recently owned by Harris Williams. Children:

- i. JACOB<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 12, 1748; "old stile," d. Oct. 3, 1776. Had: 1. Charles<sup>3</sup>, b. July 23, 1770. 2. Jacob<sup>3</sup>, b. July 23, 1772. 3. David<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 8, 1774. 4. Anna<sup>3</sup>, b. Sept. 25, 1776; m. Wm. Coats, Sept. 21, 1791.

ii. JEREMIAH<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 16, 1750; "old stile."

iii. NATHAN<sup>2</sup>, b. Aug. 29, 1752; "old stile."

iv. ANNA, b<sup>2</sup>. Dec. 12, 175 (9) 4? "new stile," d. Sept. 2, 1775.

v. EZEKIEL<sup>2</sup>, b. Apr. 1, 1757; "new stile."

2. vi. STEPHEN<sup>2</sup>, b. Oct. 20, 1759; "new stile."

vii. REBEKAH<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 19, 1762.

viii. ESTHER<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 29, 1764.

ix. EUNICE<sup>2</sup>, b. May, 1766; d. May 17, 1767.

Inscribed in the Bible from which this record was taken was the following:

"This Bible was bo't by Stephen Webster.

My Mother Esther Webster upon this condition that she will indorse the price

of it upon a certain noat she hath against sd Stephen and also that I, Esther W. do by these presents will and give this Bible to my son Stephen Webster and his heirs after my death. Witness my hand this 2nd day of April A. D. 1768.

her  
ESTHER W.  
mark.

The price of this Bible is £1—13—0 or 331  
in presence of us,

JACOB WEBSTER  
NATHAN WEBSTER

This Bible was bought in Oct. A. D. 1762."

2. WEBSTER, Captain STEPHEN, (Capt. Stephen) b. Oct. 20, 1759; m. Eunice Loomis. She d. Nov. 24, 1826, æ. 59. He was constable and selectman; d. June 6, 1829. Children:

- i. BETTY<sup>2</sup>, b. May 4, 1785; d. Mch. 30, 1787.
- ii. ARTEMAS<sup>2</sup>, b. Oct. 17, 1788; m. Lorana ——— of New York State. He resided on what is now the town farm; was a shoemaker. He removed to Western Pennsylvania, thence to Illinois or Wisconsin; d. June 7, 1839. Had fourteen children.
- iii. MINOR Lieut., b. July 24, 1791; m. Mch. 28, 1811, Sally Scott. He d. July 20, 1819. She m. (2) in Vernon, Vt., Nov. 27, 1826, Capt. Chester Wright, (his second wife). His first wife was sister of Capt. Joseph Slate. Minor Webster had one dau., Sarah L., who m. Joseph, son of Chester Wright. She d. Oct. 2, 1877, in Brooklyn, Mich.
- iv. STEPHEN WILLIAMS<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 2, 1794; d. May 15, 1819.
- v. SYLVIA EUNICE<sup>2</sup>, b. Mch. 14, 1796; m. Capt. Joseph Slate, June 17, 1813; d. Aug. 7, 1886.
- vi. STEPHEN<sup>2</sup>, b. June 14, 1798; d. Jan. 6, 1808.
- vii. ESTHER<sup>2</sup>, b. June 22, 1800; m. John Stearns of Hinsdale, N. H. She d. Aug. 1, 1879.
- viii. SARAH<sup>2</sup>, b. Nov., 1811; d. Jan. 30, 1812.

WEBSTER, ESTHER, the widow of Jonathan, b. 1685; d. Dec. 22, 1782, æ. 97; probably parents of the first Stephen.

WELLS, ARTHUR<sup>1</sup>, Dea., (Elisha<sup>1</sup>, Elisha<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>3</sup>, Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Hugh<sup>1</sup>, who was b. in County Essex, Eng., and probably came to this country in 1635). His father was twice

married, the second time to Widow Achsah Euda in 1834. They resided "around the mountain," and Deacon Wells succeeded to the ownership of the property, which was originally owned by his maternal ancestors, the Eudas. About 1890 he sold this, and removed to his present home on South street, purchasing of Miss Harriet Chapin the home of her father, the late Lucius Chapin. He m. (1) Susan Sabin of Hatfield. She d. Dec. 31, 1894, ae. 56 years. He m. (2) Mrs. Anna Luke Burroughs of New York City, Apr. 29, 1896. Mr. Wells is a farmer.

WELLS, JOSHUA<sup>5</sup>, (Joshua<sup>4</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Hugh<sup>1</sup>, b. in Essex Co., England, probably came in the *Globe* in 1635), b. Sept. 16, 1721; was one of the earlier settlers of the place; m. Experience ———. He was in Capt. Israel Williams' Co., stationed at Colrain Oct. 19, 1756, to Jan. 23, 1757. His name is on Capt. John Burk's enlistment roll ending Nov. 30, 1758. In 1760 he resided in District No. 2, on place since owned by Seorim Cushman. Children:

- i. SUSANNA<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 1, 1746-7.
- ii. AMOS<sup>6</sup>, b. July 7, 1749; d. Aug. 8, 1749.
- iii. MARTHA<sup>6</sup>, b. July 22, 1750.
- iv. NER<sup>6</sup>, bap. June 28, 1752; published with Elizabeth Slate Dec. 16, 1799, and with Polly Edwards June 30, 1803. He held some minor town offices; settled in Leyden.
- v. ASENATH<sup>6</sup>, b. 1754.
- vi. JOHN<sup>6</sup>, b. 1756.
- vii. ASA<sup>6</sup>, m. Jan. 31, 1782, Susanna Crandall.
- viii. EMMA<sup>6</sup>, m. May 17, 1781, Daniel Taylor.
- ix. EXPERIENCE<sup>6</sup>, who m. Simeon<sup>5</sup> Allen.

WHEELER, D. H., a carpenter by trade; came to town from 1855 to 1860; m. Martha F. ——— who d. May 16, 1862, ae. 39. Children:

- i. FRANK H.<sup>2</sup>, who resided after his mother's death with James M. Hale; is a preacher in the M. E. denomination; res. in Dana; m. and has a family.

- ii. CHARLES<sup>2</sup>, m. Gertrude Smead of Greenfield; is an insurance agent; res. Northampton.
- iii. ELLEN<sup>2</sup>, m.; resides in Vermont.
- iv. ABBIE<sup>2</sup>, m.; resides in Vermont.

WHEELER, DR. O. A., b. in Halifax, Vt., fitted himself for a physician in New York, his first practice being in Savoy and Adams; came to Bern. in 1877, where he spent ten years in practice, when failing health obliged him to go West; m. Emma, dau. Samuel Newton of Leyden, who resides in Monrovia, Cal. He was a public-spirited man, helpful in all good works, especially in religious and educational matters. He was also chosen to represent this district in the Legislature. He d. Jan. 22, 1897, in Monrovia, Cal. Children:

- i. DAU., d. young.
- ii. LAWRENCE, a physician in Cal.
- iii. EVA.

WIGHT, WILLIAM, settled within a few years on the Dalton, later known as Almon Newcomb place near the railroad crossing on South street, and which he purchased of H. Couillard. A daughter, May Redfield Wight, m. June 29, 1899, Dr. Clifford S.<sup>o</sup> Chapin; res. Great Barrington.

WILD, DANIEL G.<sup>4</sup>, (Elisha, Jr.<sup>3</sup>, of West Fairlee and Royalton, Vt., Elisha<sup>2</sup>, Randall<sup>1</sup>, who was b. in Braintree, 1715; m. Silence Thayer of Braintree), b. May 2, 1833, in Royalton, Vt.; m. Mary S., dau. of Rev. John Griswold of Washington, N. H., Dec. 24, 1862. Rev. Mr. Griswold came to town not far from 1870, purchasing the place on the "Green," now owned and occupied by his son-in-law, Mr. Wild, as a summer residence. Mr. Wild is a lawyer, residing in Brooklyn, N. Y. Child:

- i. FRANK G.<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 10, 1865, in Washington, N. H.; m. Aug. 20, 1891, Maylou E. Atherton of Dubuque, Iowa. Had: 1. Frank G.<sup>6</sup>, b. June 20; d. June 23, 1892. 2. Eleanor E.<sup>6</sup>, b. June 24, 1894. 3. Madeline E.<sup>6</sup>, b. Oct. 9, 1898; res. Brooklyn, N. Y.

WILLARD, RUEL, who was b. in Worcester County in 1756, served in the Indian and Revolutionary wars; was a trader in Greenfield about 15 years, during which time he acquired



land in Bern. and other towns. About 1792-3 he took up his residence here, but soon returned to Greenfield. His farm was on South street, and is now owned by Mr. Harris. In the Greenfield paper, dated Dec. 13, 1802, appears this advertisement:

#### FOR SALE.

Noted Tavern and Farm adjoining, 5 miles from Greenfield Street on the Stage Road to Vermont, now occupied by John Pinks. 126 acres of land, three dwelling houses, two barns, three excellent wells. The Tavern house almost new. For terms of sale apply to Ruel Willard, Greenfield.

Presumably the hoped for sale did not take place, for about 1805, Ruel Willard again took up his residence in town at his "farm and tavern stand," where he d. May 24, 1806. He left home in the morning apparently well, and a short time after, was found dying about a half mile from his house. It was supposed that being taken suddenly ill, he must have fallen from his horse. His family continued to reside here until 1810 or 11, when they returned to Greenfield. Of his sons, Justus, b. in Greenfield Apr. 5, 1790, became a man of note, retiring in 1862 to the enjoyment of private life in Springfield. The eldest son, Samuel Wells Willard, resided as late as 1812 on the place owned by the late Hartley Hale on the "Green," having there, in a portion of his house, a store. This business he afterwards transferred to the site of I. Hale's store, and still later, in 1827, with the late Gov. Cushman, he kept a hotel and store, the firm name being S. W. Willard & Co. He m. Nancy, dau. of T. Dickman of Springfield, by whom he had two children. She d. May 25, 1828.

WILLIAMS, FREEMAN, b. Ashfield, Nov. 4, 1812; m. Deborah<sup>7</sup>, dau. of Theodore<sup>6</sup> Field, Oct. 1, 1845. Mr. Williams came to town, from Ashfield, purchasing the Levi Parks place, where he resided until his death, June 29, 1887. Children:

- i. HARRIS FREEMAN<sup>2</sup>, b. Sept. 11, 1846; m. Mch. 27, 1873, Eva J., dau. Samuel Newton of Leyden. Had: 1. Annie May<sup>3</sup>, b. Jan. 22, 1874; m. Dr. W. J. Bolton, Jan. 17, 1894; res. Athol.
2. Robert Newton<sup>3</sup>, b. July 29, 1877; d. July 24, 1887.

- ii. RUFUS P.<sup>2</sup>, b. Jan. 3, 1851; m. June 25, 1894, Lillian Walker; graduated Dartmouth College 1876; post-graduate course Harvard College 1878-79. Since 1885 has been at the head of the chemical department in English High School, Boston; is also author of noted text books on chemistry.
- iii. MARY ANN<sup>2</sup>, b. Dec. 20, 1855; d. unm. Apr. 23, 1894.
- iv. ROBERT FREEMAN<sup>2</sup>, b. Jan. 3, 1858; d. Aug. 1, 1869.

WORKMAN, JOHN, was probably the first of his name in this country, certainly in this section. He with his mother, Widow Mary Workman, nee McCrellis, and half sister of Margaret Foster, came to America from Ireland. He settled finally on the farm owned (1885) by Ariel Hinsdale, within the present township of Colrain. He was surveyor of highways in 1769 and 70. During the Indian warfare he was out, in 1756, 23 days on the Western frontier, and again as private, from June 27, to Oct., 1758, "to the Westward." May 24 to September 29, 1775, his name appears on the coat roll of Capt. W. Stewart's Co., 31st Reg. He m. Phoebe, dau. of James Stewart, and had a family, one of whom was Jane, who m. Matthew Clark of Colrain.

1. WRIGHT, ABNER<sup>6</sup>, (Azariah<sup>6</sup>, b. Mch. 6, 1697, Eliezer<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>1</sup> of London) b. Oct. 29, 1740; was early of Northfield, removing thence to Bern.; m. Apr. 18, 1774, Anna, dau. Hezekiah Elmer. She d. Mch. 30, 1824, ae. 73. He d. July 1, 1809. Children:
  - i. SALLY<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 4, 1774; m. Nov. 17, 1799, Thomas Howard.
  - ii. LUCY<sup>7</sup>, b. Mch. 4, 1776; m. 1799, Samuel Wood of Northfield.
  - iii. JOHN<sup>7</sup>, b. July 6, 1778.
  - iv. HEZEKIAH<sup>7</sup>, b. May 31, 1780; m. Elizabeth ——— Had: 1. Elihu<sup>8</sup>, b. Feb. 24, 1807. 2. Harriet<sup>8</sup>, b. Feb. 24, 1808.
  - v. ELIHU<sup>7</sup>, b. May 9, 1782; m. Mch. 9, 1808, Irene, dau. Solomon Holton.
  - vi. ANNA<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 7, 1784; m. John Harvey; published Feb. 6, 1802. six children.
  - vii. ELISHA<sup>7</sup>, b. Sept. 23, 1786; d. unm. June 3, 1827.
2. viii. SAMUEL<sup>7</sup>, b. Sept. 18, 1788.

ix. SETH<sup>7</sup>, b. Nov. 5, 1790; d. Sept. 14, 1791.

x. PATTY<sup>7</sup>, b. Sept. 3, 1792.

xi. DANIEL<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 20, 1794; m. Apr. 30, 1827, Nancy, dau. of Benjamin and Nancy Walker of Barre. She d. Feb. 24, 1833. He d. June 26, 1878. Had: 1. Abner Lee<sup>8</sup>, b. Mch. 1, 1828; res. West. 2. William Eaton<sup>8</sup>, b. Oct. 23, 1829; res. Brookfield. 3. Alonzo Walker<sup>8</sup>, b. Feb. 15, 1831; is dead. 4. George<sup>8</sup>, b. Jan. 6, 1833; is dead.

2. WRIGHT, SAMUEL<sup>7</sup>, (Abner<sup>6</sup>, Azariah<sup>5</sup>, Eliezer<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>1</sup>.) b. Sept. 18, 1788; m. Mendana<sup>7</sup>, dau. Reuben<sup>6</sup> Sheldon. Resided at the end of the Bald Mountain road, now the pasture owned by F. Bascom. He d. Oct. 3, 1837. Children:

i. SAMUEL SHELDON, Dea.<sup>8</sup>, b. Jan. 28, 1815. He was three times married, his first wife being Minerva L.<sup>4</sup>, dau. Benjamin<sup>3</sup> Green, and m. Apr. 11, 1838. She was b. Sept. 11, 1817; d. Apr. 26, 1856. He resided Shelburne Falls; d. Sept. 2, 1899. Had: 1. Mary Rosabella<sup>9</sup>, b. May 26, 1839; m. (2) ——— Tyler. 2. Arvilla Electa<sup>9</sup>, b. Aug. 18, 1841; d. Feb. 14, 1842. 3. Eldora N.<sup>9</sup>, b. June 8; d. June 17, 1848. 4. Benjamin Green<sup>9</sup>, b. July 5; d. July 11, 1853. 5. Charles S.<sup>9</sup>, b. June; d. Aug. 18, 1855.

ii. WILLARD C.<sup>8</sup>, b. Mch. 26, 1817; removed West, where he married and died.

iii. MARTHA S.<sup>8</sup>, b. Jan. 22, 1820; m. May 23, 1849, Seba A.<sup>4</sup> Green. She d. Dec. 11, 1897.

iv. EUNICE MARY ANN<sup>8</sup>, b. June 8, 1822; m. May 1, 1844, Benjamin F.<sup>4</sup> Green. She d. in Holyoke Nov. 12, 1900.

WRIGHT, Capt. CHESTER<sup>3</sup>, (Carmi<sup>2</sup>, Joseph<sup>1</sup>, who was a cooper of Ware in 1749), b. Oct. 7, 1781; m. (1) 1808, Mary Elvira, dau. Israel Slate. She was b. Jan. 4, 1785; d. Apr. 6, 1826; m. (2) in Vernon, Vt., Nov. 27, 1826, Sally Scott, widow of Lieut. Minor Webster. In 1836 he resided in Scriber, N. Y. While in Bernardston he resided on South street, the place now owned by Henry Keet. Had ten children.

WRIGHT, Rev. JOB, b. Oct. 15, 1737. When 27 years of age he came hither from Easthampton, and was settled as the sec-

ond pastor of the church. For a more extended notice of him, see pages 120-121. He m. Oct. 6, 1762, Miriam, dau. Nehemiah Wright of Northfield. She was b. Sept. 12, 1739; d. Feb. 7, 1815. Mr. Wright was also town clerk, selectman and assessor. He resided on Huckle Hill, near the second site of the meeting house. He d. Jan. 24, 1823. Children:

- i. SETH<sup>2</sup>, b. July 30, 1763; d. Aug. 27, 1763.
- ii. MARY<sup>2</sup>, b. Jan. 28, 1765; m. Dr. Caleb<sup>6</sup> Chapin, about Sept., 1786; d. July 10, 1827.
- iii. NEHEMIAH<sup>2</sup>, b. Jan. 25, 1767; m. June 5, 1794, Anna<sup>5</sup>, dau. of Samuel<sup>4</sup> Connable. She was b. July 30, 1772; d. June 16, 1853, in Springfield, Ill. He d. Sept. 15, 1846, in Derby, Vt., to which place the family removed after the birth of the fourth child. Had: 1. Samuel<sup>3</sup>, b. June 8, 1795; m. and d. in Ashland, N. H. 2. Charles<sup>3</sup>, b. July 21, 1797; surveyor; d. in Louisiana; unm. 3. Erastus<sup>3</sup>, b. Jan. 21, 1799; m. thrice; resided and d. in Springfield, Ill. 4. Job<sup>3</sup>, b. June 25, 1801; d. Sept. 3, 1809, in Derby, Vt. 5. Anna Rebecca<sup>3</sup>, b. Mch. 31, 1811, in Derby; m. and rem. to Springfield, Ill.
- iv. MIRIAM<sup>2</sup>, b. Dec. 25, 1769; d. June 9, 1785
- v. JOB<sup>2</sup>, b. May 16, 1772.
- vi. SAMUEL<sup>2</sup>, b. Feb. 9, 1775; d. Sept. 9, 1777.
- vii. EUNICE<sup>2</sup>, b. Aug. 12, 1777; perhaps that one whose intention was recorded Sept. 11, and m. Sept. 30, 1811, James Gould of Gill.
- viii. ESTHER<sup>2</sup>, b. June 20, 1780. An Esther Wright was published with James Gould of Gill, May 15, 1802.
- ix. SARAH<sup>2</sup>, b. Aug. 16, 1783; m. Capt. Oliver Root of Montague Oct. 10, 1805. She d. Nov. 21, 1827.





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